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THE STORY SO FAR...

Haru and the gang take a break from fighting to participate in a dance competition...but it isn't before long before they find themselves back in action as they try to stop an assassin from permanently closing the curtain on one of the contestants! One of the contestants named **Branch** is secretly working for **BG**. In an attempt to make up for not delivering **Elie** to his BG boss named Koala, he tries to pass off the assassin as Elie. Koala knows he's lying, and forces him to torture her for information. **Musica** and the others finally rescue her from BG's evil clutches...but Koala has a plan that can possibly wipe out the **Resistance** once and for all...



THE **RAVE MASTER** CREW

HARU GLORY

A small-town boy turned savior of the world. As the **Rave Master** (the only one capable of using the holy weapon RAVE), Haru set forth to find the missing Rave Stones and defeat Demon Card. He fights with the **Ten Powers Sword**, a weapon that takes on different forms at his command. With Demon Card seemingly out of the way, Haru now seeks the remaining two Rave Stones in order to open the way to Star Memory.

ELIE

The girl without memories. Elie joined Haru on his quest when he promised to help her find out about her past. She's cute, spunky and loves gambling and shopping in equal measures. Locked inside of her is the power of **Etherion**.

RUBY

A "penguin-type" senteniod, Ruby loves rare and unusual items. After Haru saved him from Pumpkin Doryu's gang, Ruby agreed to sponsor Haru's team in their search for the ultimate rare treasures: the Rave Stones!

GRIFFON KATO (GRIFF)

Griff is a loyal friend, even if he is a bit of a coward. His rubbery body can stretch and change shape as needed. Griff's two greatest pleasures in life are mapmaking and peeping on Elie.

MUSICA

A "**Silverclaimer**" (an alchemist who can shape silver at will) and a former street punk who made good. He joined Haru for the adventure, but now that Demon Card is defeated, does he have any reason to stick around?

LET

A member of the Dragon race, he was formerly a member of the Demon Card's Five Palace Guardians. He was so impressed by Haru's fighting skills and pureness of heart that he made a truce with the Rave Master.

PLUE

The **Rave Bearer**, Plue is the faithful companion to the Rave Master. In addition to being Haru's guide, Plue also has powers of his own. When he's not getting Haru into or out of trouble, Plue can be found enjoying a sucker, his favorite treat.

THE ORACION SIX

Demon Card's six generals. Haru defeated Shuda after finding the Rave of Wisdom. The other five generals were presumed dead after King destroyed Demon Card Headquarters.

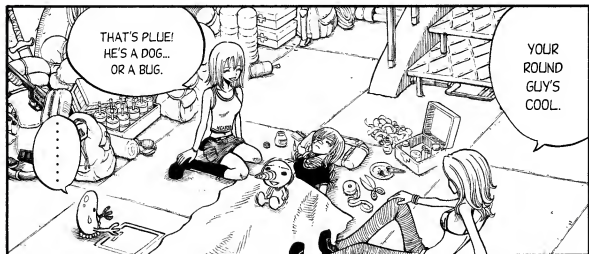
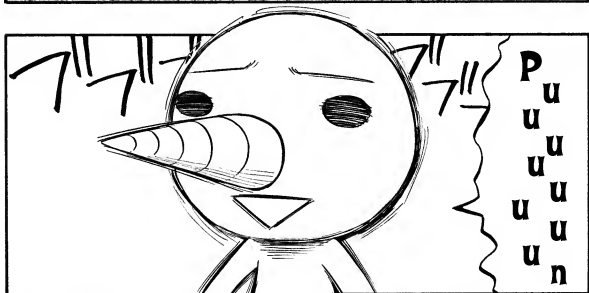
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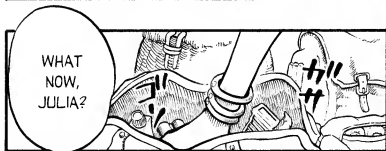
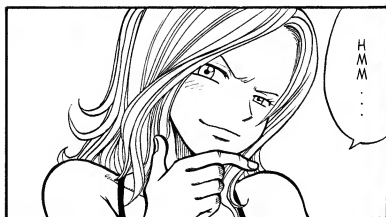
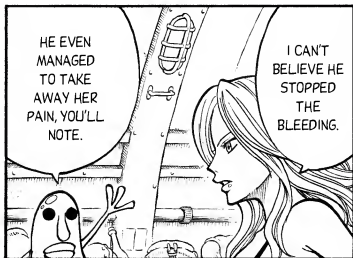
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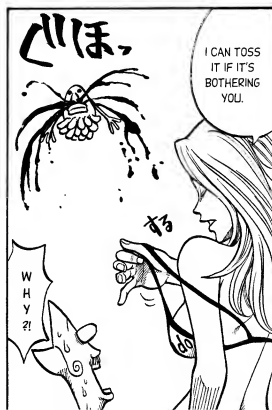
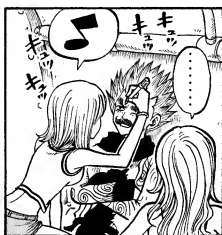
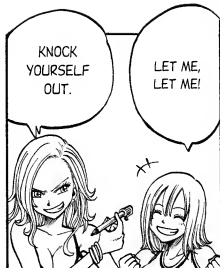


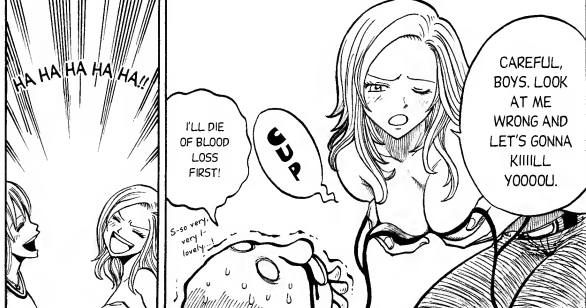
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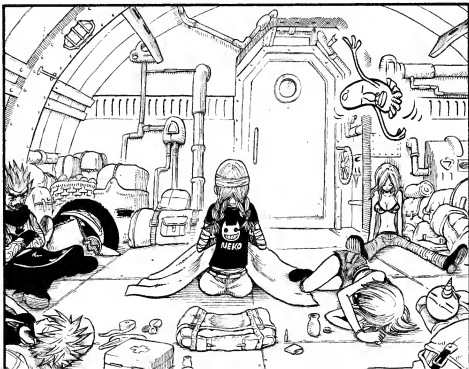
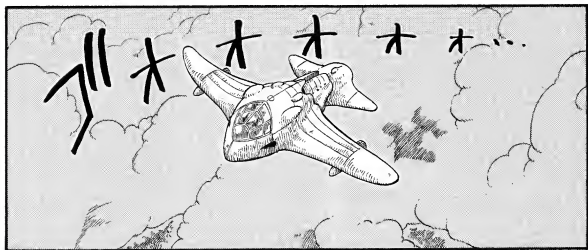
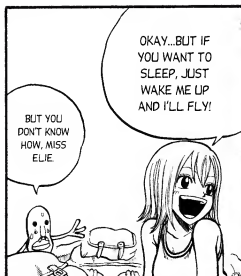


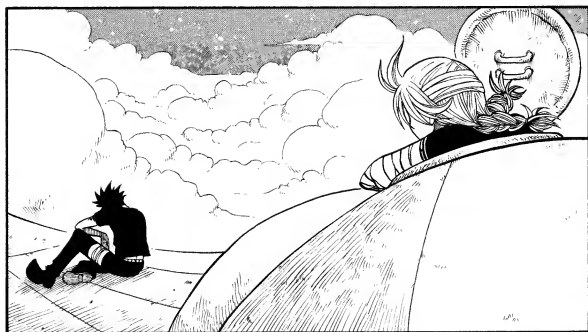
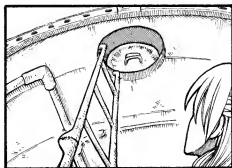
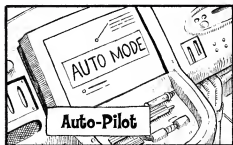


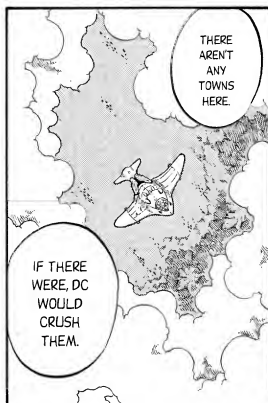
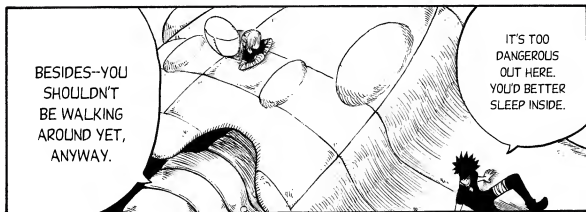














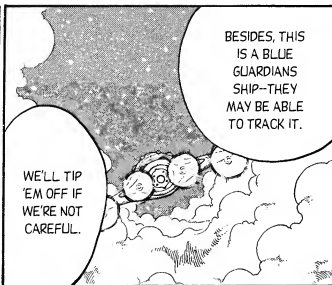
AND YOU
NEARLY
DIED TRYING
TO KEEP
IT SAFE.

SO
DON'T
BRING US
THERE
THAT
EASILY.



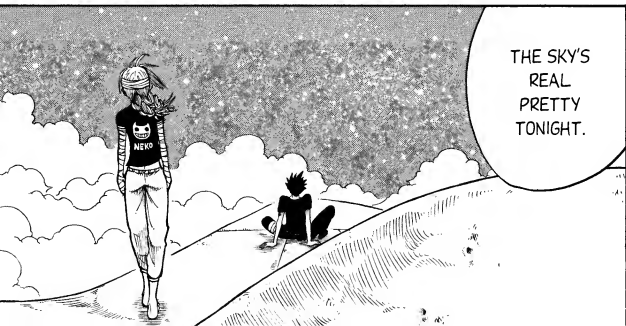
IT'S SAFE,
SINCE DC
DOESN'T
KNOW
ABOUT
IT YET.

HOW
ABOUT THE
RESISTANCE
HIDEOUT?

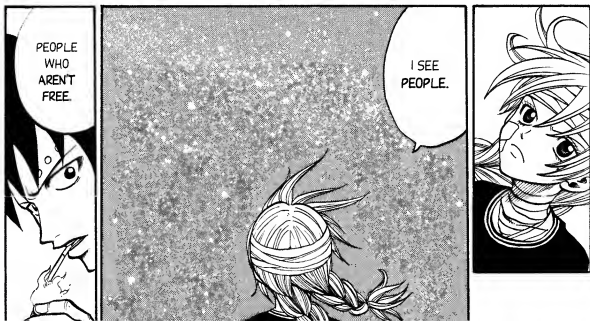
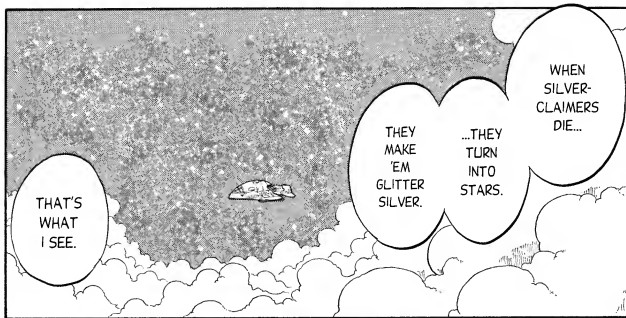


WE'LL TIP
'EM OFF IF
WE'RE NOT
CAREFUL.

BESIDES, THIS
IS A BLUE
GUARDIANS
SHIP--THEY
MAY BE ABLE
TO TRACK IT.



THE SKY'S
REAL
PRETTY
TONIGHT.



THEY'RE NOT
EVEN FREE
TO BE NEAR
EACH OTHER.

THEY'RE
LOCKED IN
PLACE.

IN ALL
THAT
DARKNESS...

THE
FEAR
GOES
ON.

FAMILIES
KILLED,
LAND
STOLEN...

YEAH?
PEOPLE ARE
JUST AS
TRAPPED ON
THE GROUND.

THAT'S
PESSIMISTIC
AS HELL.



SO THE
RESISTANCE
FIGHTS FOR
FREEDOM...

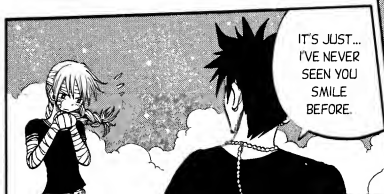
COR-
RECT?

I GUESS
THE LIGHT
OF HOPE
SHINES IN
EVERYONE.



WELL...
LOOK AT
ALL THOSE
IMPRISONED
PEOPLE
GLITTER.









YOU'VE
GOT NO
REASON
TO.

JUST...
DON'T
THANK
ME.



?



I WANTED
TO THANK
YOU FOR--

SAVE
IT.



QUIT
IT!!

AND I
NEVER
GOT A
CHANCE
TO--

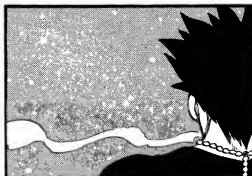
WHY NOT?
I WAS
HONESTLY
RELIEVED.

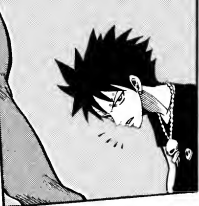
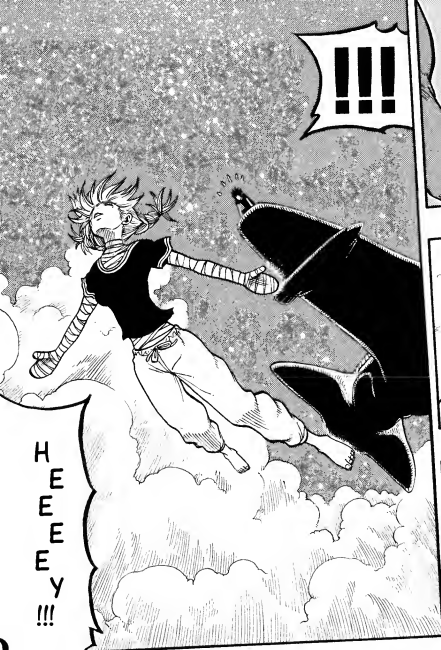


IF I'D KEPT AN
EYE ON YOU LIKE
I SHOULD'VE...



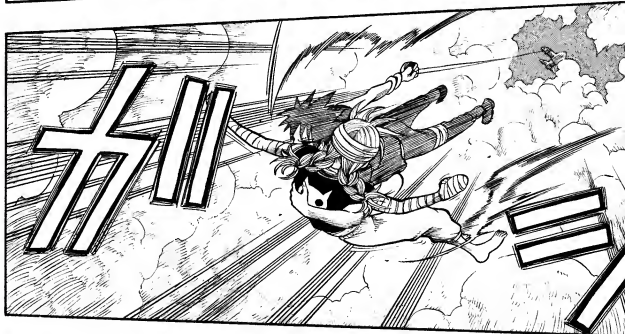
THAT'S A
STRANGE THING
TO REFUSE.





I TOLD
YOU TO
STOP
THIS!!!

YOU
STUPID
-!!



NOW I'LL
TRY THIS
AGAIN, SINCE
YOU MAY
ACCEPT IT
THIS TIME.

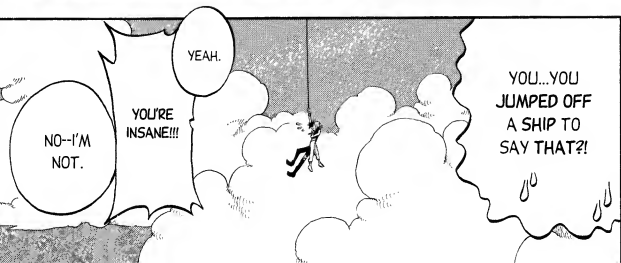
THIS IS YOUR
SECOND TIME
TODAY.



DON'T WORRY,
TOUGH GUY! I
DON'T HAVE A
DEATH WISH.

I KNEW YOU'D
SAVE ME.







...THEN STOP
WHINING AND
JUST MAKE
ME HAPPY.

LOOK...IF
YOU FEEL
SO DARN
GUILTY...



IS THAT
SUPPOSED
TO BE A
COMPLIMENT?!

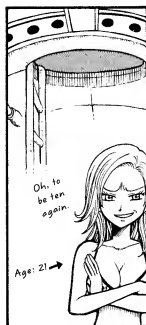
I GUESS
YOU'RE
NOT THE
PERVERT
I TOOK
YOU FOR.

MAN...
I GUESS
SINCE
REINA
DIED...

...I'VE
BEEN
TOO
JUMPY
WITH
GIRLS.

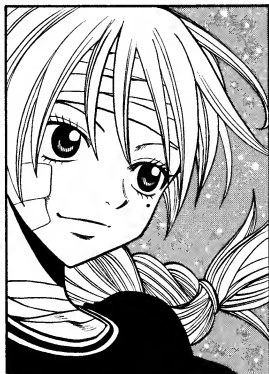
I GUESS
IT'S TIME I
LIGHTENED
UP A
LITTLE.

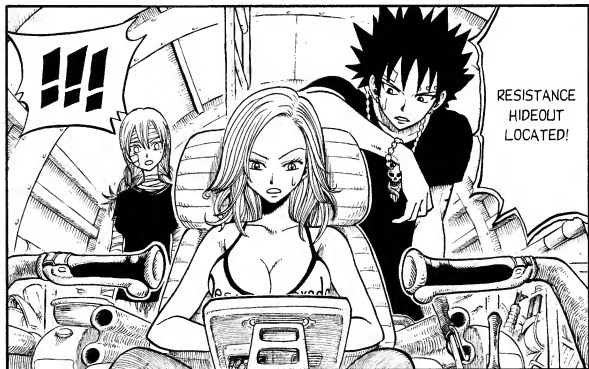
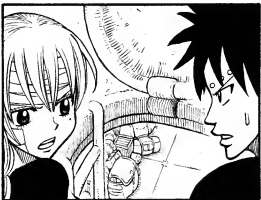
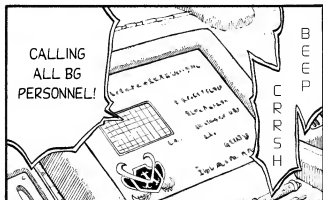
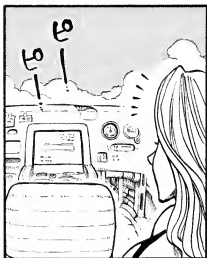
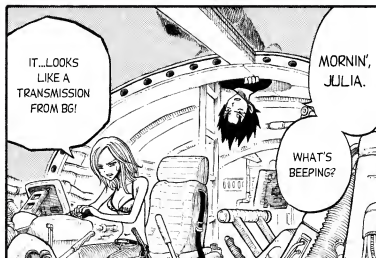
NO.
YOU'RE
ALSO AN
IDIOT.

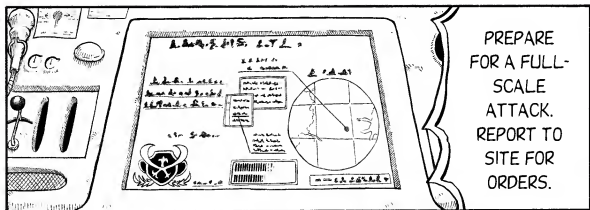


Oh, to
be ten
again.

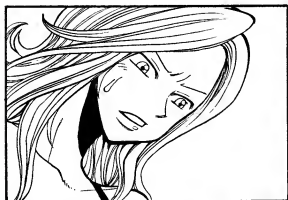
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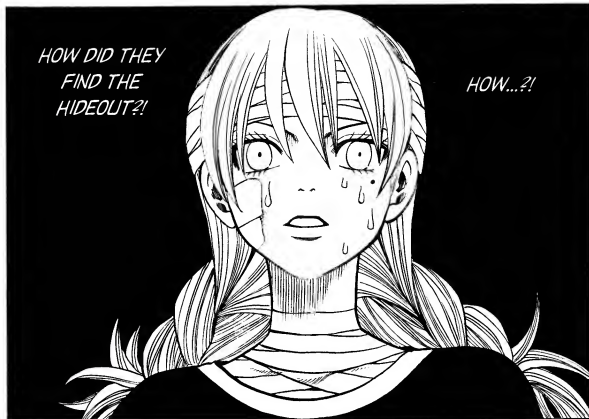


PREPARE
FOR A FULL-
SCALE
ATTACK.
REPORT TO
SITE FOR
ORDERS.

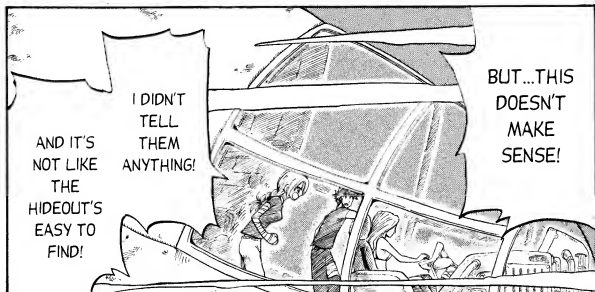


HOW DID THEY
FIND THE
HIDEOUT?!

HOW...?!







AND IT'S
NOT LIKE
THE
HIDEOUT'S
EASY TO
FIND!

I DIDN'T
TELL
THEM
ANYTHING!

BUT...THIS
DOESN'T
MAKE
SENSE!



YOU
MIND IF
WE JOIN
YOU?

THEN HURRY
UP AND
HEAD EAST
SO I CAN
HELP!



HOWEVER IT
HAPPENED--
THEY'RE IN BIG
TROUBLE NOW!



HERE
WE
GO..!



IT'S NOT
LIKE WE'RE
ABOUT TO
ABANDON
SHIP.

OF
COURSE
WE'LL
HELP.



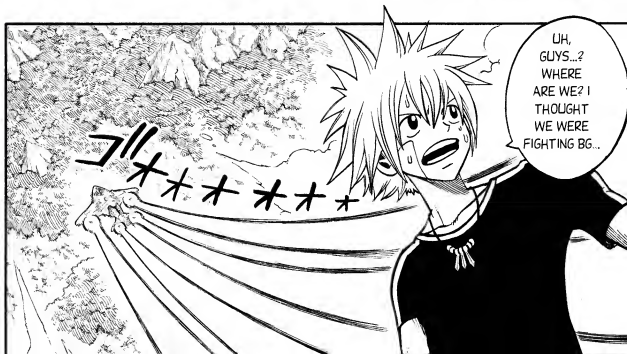
I..I
TRUST
YOU.

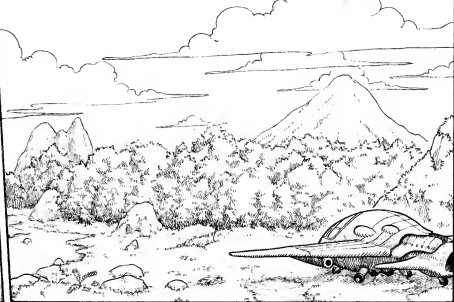
PLEASE,
HELP ME! I
DON'T KNOW
I CAN DO
THIS ALONE!



GUYS,
LOOK! THE
BOYS ARE
WAKING
UP!











**Resistance
Leader--
Yuma Ansecto**

NAGISA.



THEY'RE
GONNA
LAUNCH
A FULL-
SCALE
ATTACK
ON US!

BG FOUND
THE
HIDEOUT!



WHO
THE
HECK IS
THAT?

DADDY!



I
HAVE
NO
IDEA!

ANYWAY--
I CAME
TO WARN
YOU!



NO
WAY!!

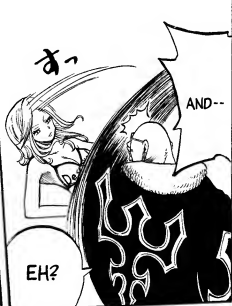
THE
BLUE
GUARD-
IANS?!

HOW'D
THEY
FIND
US?!





AND
YOOOO!!



AND--

EH?



YOU
PACK OF
IDIOTS!!

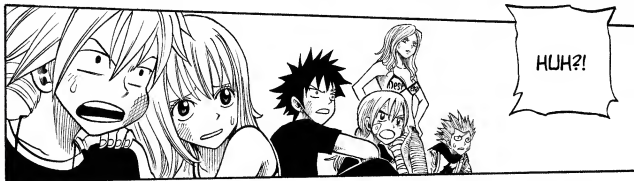


SO YOU CAME
TO WARN
US THAT
THEY FOUND
THIS PLACE,
DID YEH?



USE
YOUR
BRAINS!!

THAT'S
THE
OLDEST
TRICK
IN THE
BOOK!!

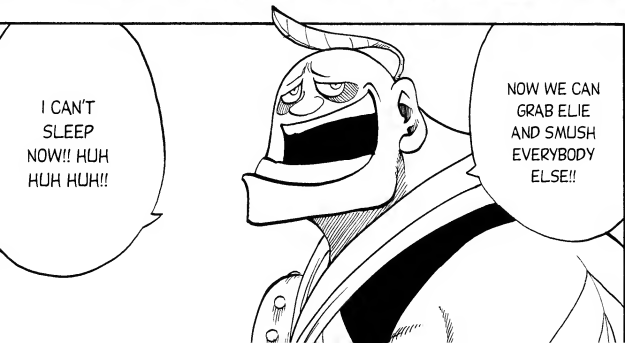
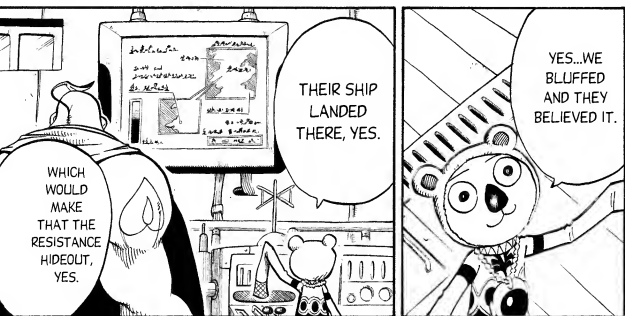


HUH?!



...IT'S
BECAUSE
YOU CAME
RUNNING
BACK,
NAGISA!

IF THEY DO
KNOW OUR
LOCATION...

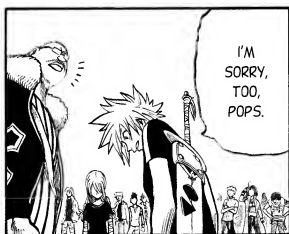




STOP
THINKING
LIKE A CHILD,
NAGISA!

BUT...THEY
SAID THEY
ALREADY
FOUND
YOU!

COMING HERE
WITH AN
ENEMY SHIP
EXPOSED OUR
LOCATION!



I'M
SORRY,
TOO,
POPS.



I-I'M
SORRY...

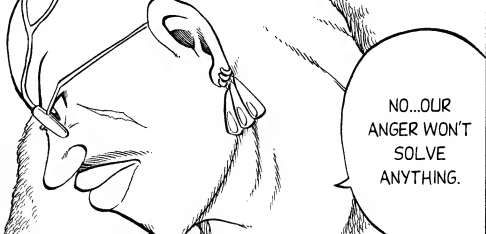
I TOLD YOU
TO MAKE
SURE YOU'RE
NEVER
FOLLOWED!



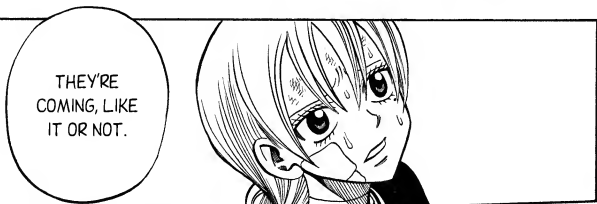
DAMN STRAIGHT
YOU WILL, YOU
LITTLE BRAT!
YOU OWE US
THAT MUCH!!



BUT...WE'LL
HELP YOU
FIGHT'EM
OFF!



NO...OUR
ANGER WON'T
SOLVE
ANYTHING.



THEY'RE
COMING, LIKE
IT OR NOT.

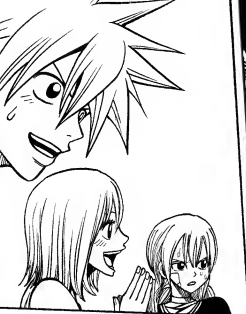


YOU STUPID
KIDS JUST
MADE IT
SOONER
RATHER THAN
LATER.

WE KNEW
THIS WOULD
HAPPEN
EVENTUALLY.



YOU HEAR
THAT,
SLUMBAGS?!

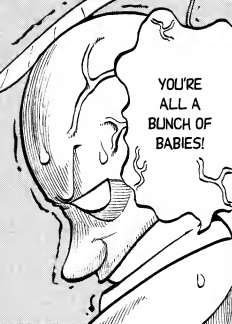


THEY'RE A
BIG TEAM,
POYO!

WE'LL
SHOW
THOSE
CREEPS
WHAT
WE'RE
MADE OF!!!



GET
READY TO
RUMBLE!!!

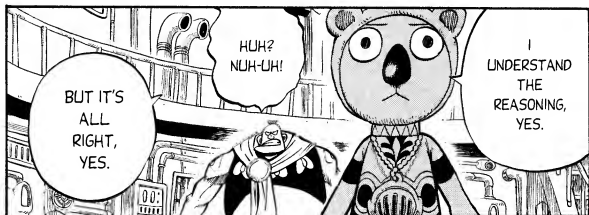


YOU'RE
ALL A
BUNCH OF
BABIES!



TH-THINK
OF THE
RISKS, SIR!

SHUT UP!
MY DB'S
PLENTY
STRONG!



BUT IT'S
ALL
RIGHT,
YES.

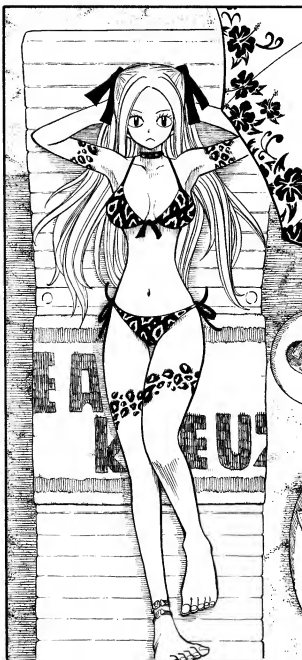
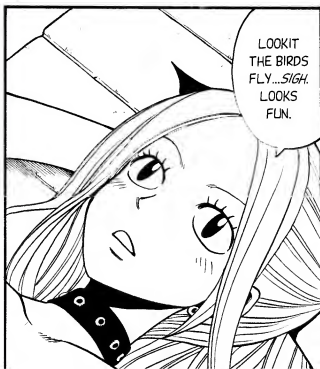
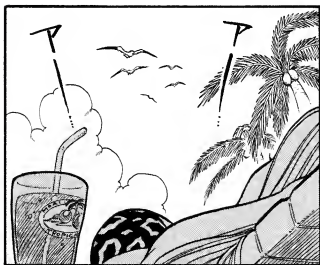
HUH?
NUH-UH!

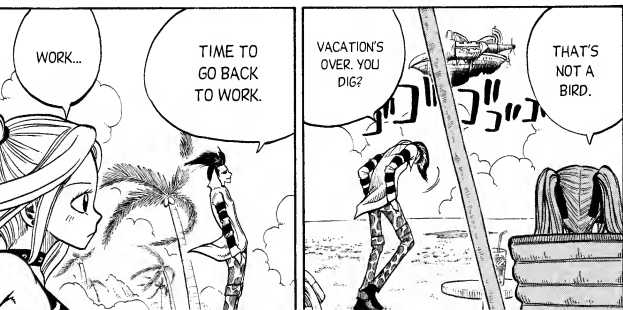
I
UNDERSTAND
THE
REASONING,
YES.



IT NEEDS
ALL OF SIX
GUARD...YES.

AN
IMPORTANT
OPERATION...
YES.







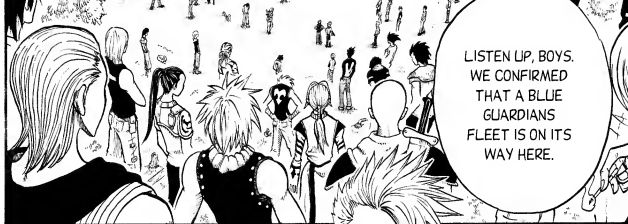
BUT LAST
TIME WAS
STUPID.

DON'T SAY
THAT, CAT.
THIS PARTY
COULD
BE FUN.

BC Six Guard--
Giraffe

BC Six Guard--
Leopard





LISTEN UP, BOYS.
WE CONFIRMED
THAT A BLUE
GUARDIANS
FLEET IS ON ITS
WAY HERE.



THIS IS
DADDY'S
CALL--AND
DADDY
SAYS WE
FIGHT.

THEY LAND
IN LESS
THAN THIRTY
MINUTES.



TURN OFF
THE SAFETIES
ON YOUR
WEAPONS!

DEFEND
YOUR
GROUND
WITH
YOUR VERY
LIVES!



WAH
HA
HA
HA
HA
!!



YEAH, SURE! YOU
CAN "HELP" FIX
OUR RAT PROBLEM
WHILE WE'RE OUT
FIGHTING EVIL. HAW!

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...BUT YOU'D
BETTER LEAVE
THIS ONE TO THE
PROS, DUDE.

I KNOW
DADDY
SAID
YOU
COULD
FIGHT...

BUT...
WE CAN
HELP!

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Y
?



NOT
GOOD.

I DOUBT
THEY EVER
EXPECTED
TO FIGHT
HERE.

Way to
suck,
Haru.

HOW'S
THIS
TERRAIN
FOR
FIGHTING,
ANYWAY?

...THE LOW
GROUND IS
DISADVANTAGEOUS.

NEEDLESS
TO SAY...

Energy Field of Vision

Enemy

Allies

Descent

Ascent

HIGH GROUND
HAS A FULL
VIEW OF LOW
GROUND, MAKING
LOW GROUND
DIFFICULT
TO HIDE IN.

...IT ALSO
ELIMINATES
OUR CHANCE
OF ESCAPE.

ALTHOUGH
THAT
MAKES IT
HARD TO
INVADE...

THERE'S
ONLY
ONE
ENTRANCE.

Forest

Hideout

Wall

Gate

THEY'RE
PROBABLY
NOT
PLANNING
TO ESCAPE,
AT LEAST.

I DUNNO HOW
THESE GUYS
SURVIVED THIS
LONG, BUT
WHATEVER.

IN
THIRTY
MIN-
UTES?

LET'S DIG
A HOLE,
POYO!

PROS,
HUH?

WE'D BETTER
LET THE HOME
TEAM CALL
THE SHOTS
ON THIS ONE.





YOU'RE AS
STUPID AS
YOU LOOK.

WHAT'CHA
DOING ALONE
OUT HERE,
POPS?

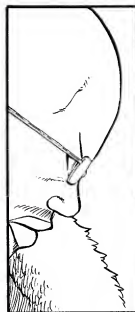


...
BUT...I THOUGHT
THE LEADER GOES
WHERE IT'S SAFER...
SINCE IT SUCKS
IF HE BITES IT
FIRST AND ALL.



REALLY?
COOL.

THE LEADER
PROTECTS
THE MOST
IMPORTANT
GATE.

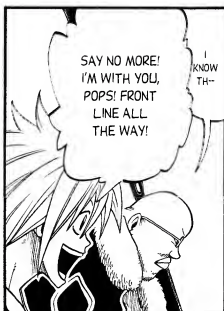


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YES, YES, I
KNOW THAT.
NOW SIT.



I WAS
TALKING,
YOU LITTLE
SNOT!



SAY NO MORE!
I'M WITH YOU,
POPS! FRONT
LINE ALL
THE WAY!

I KNOW
TH--



THEY'LL
LOSE THEIR
FOCUS, THEIR
CONFIDENCE--
THEY'LL BE
SCATTERING
LIKE HEADLESS
CHICKENS!

I KNOW
WHAT'LL
HAPPEN
IF THE
RESISTANCE
LOSES ME.



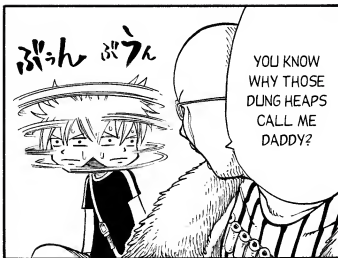
I HAVE TO
BE IN THE
RISKIEST
SPOT.

BUT...
I DON'T
HAVE A
CHOICE.

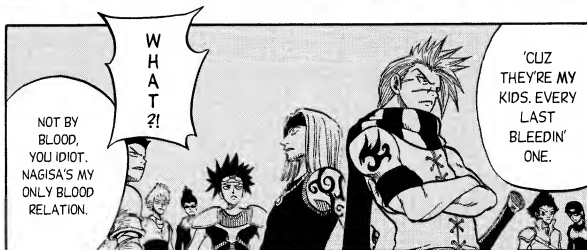




THINK
ABOUT
IT!!!



YOU KNOW
WHY THOSE
DUNG HEAPS
CALL ME
DADDY?



NOT BY
BLOOD,
YOU IDIOT.
NAGISA'S MY
ONLY BLOOD
RELATION.

W
H
A
T
?!

'CUZ
THEY'RE MY
KIDS. EVERY
LAST
BLEEDIN'
ONE.



HA
HA
HA!

BUT THEN, AT
SOME POINT,
THEY GREW
UP TO BECOME
AN ARMY.

AT
SOME
POINT?



THEY'RE
WAR
ORPHANS,
YOU SEE.

THEY
WERE ALL
SNIFFLING
LITTLE
BRATS AT
FIRST.

NOT FOR
PRETTY WORDS,
OR REVENGE...
JUST FOR
THEIR TOWNS
AND LIVES.

DEMON CARD
STOLE THEIR
HOMES AND
FAMILIES.
THAT'S WHY
THEY FIGHT.

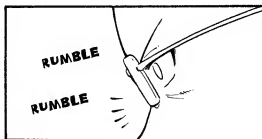
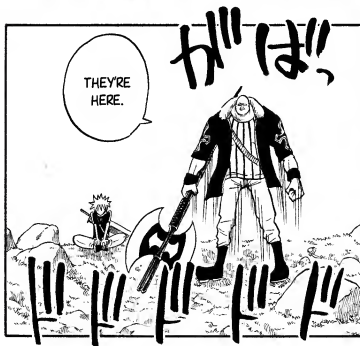
SO I'M THEIR
DADDY. AND I'LL
PROTECT MY
KIDS FROM THE
FRONT LINE.

NAGISA...
SHE'S
MY DAUGH-
TER!

THAT ONLY
GOES FOR
THE PUNKS.

WHOA!
BUT
WHAT?!

B
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...
!!!





NO
WAY.

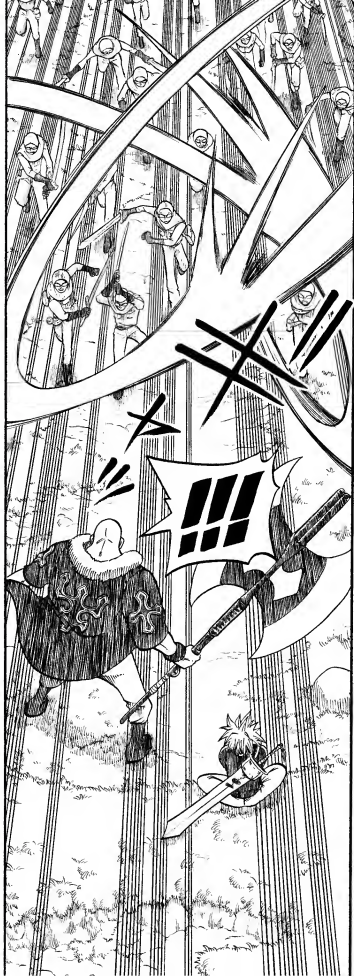
GET
INSIDE, PIP-
SQUEAK!

YOU
STUPID
LITTLE
BRAT! MIND
YOUR ELDER!

I WON'T
LET YOU
DIE, POPS.

THESE
KIDS ARE
MINE TO
PROTECT!!!

NOBODY'S
MOVING IN
ON DADDY'S
HOUSE!!!

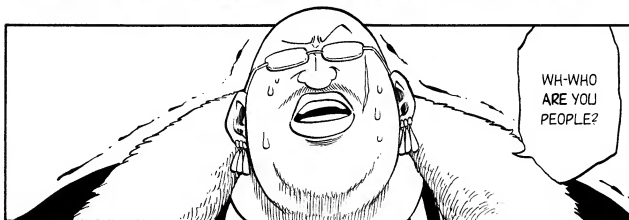


WAY
COOL.











HE MUST
TRUST THEM
COMPLETELY!

HE DIDN'T
EVEN FLINCH!
DID HE
EXPECT HIS
FRIENDS TO
COME?



YOU
CAN'T
BE!

THE
WHAT?!

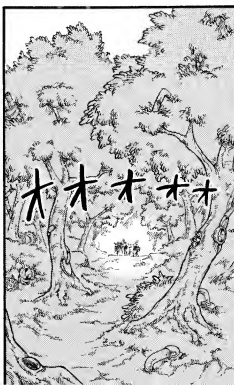


...WE MAY
ACTUALLY
WIN THIS!

WITH
THEM
ON OUR
SIDE...



THAT'S...

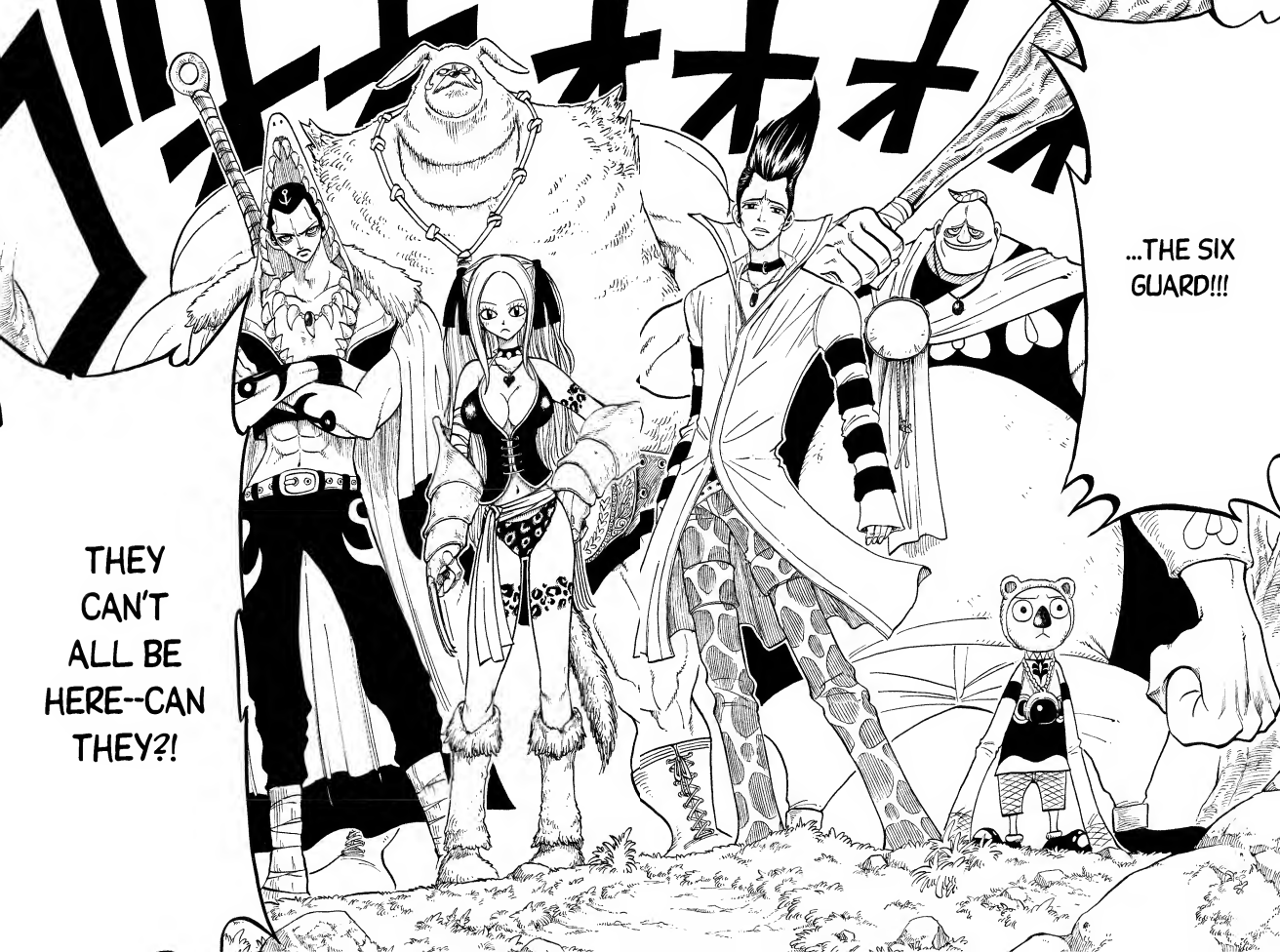


LOOK--OVER
THERE.

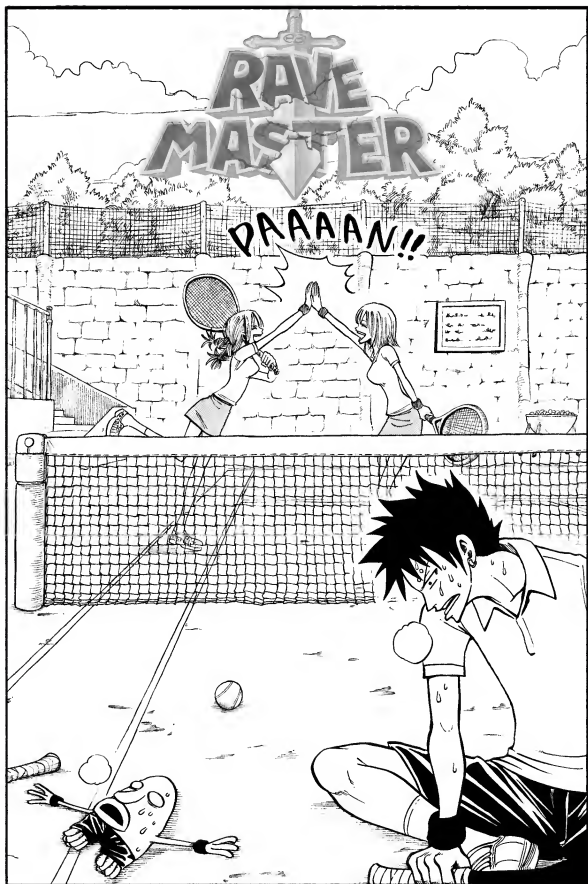
THE MAIN
EVENT, I
PRESUME.

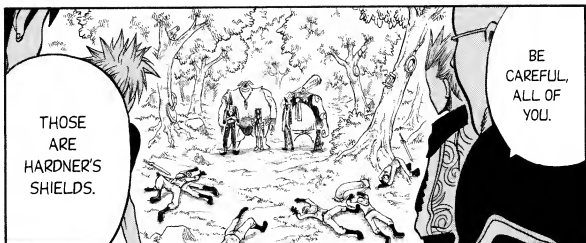
THEY
CAN'T
ALL BE
HERE--CAN
THEY?!

...THE SIX
GUARD!!!









THOSE
ARE
HARDNER'S
SHIELDS.

BE
CAREFUL,
ALL OF
YOU.



...AND ARE
AT LEAST
AS STRONG
AS THEM.

THEY WERE
ASSEMBLED
TO BEAT
DC'S
ORACION
SIX...



WE CAN'T
LET 'EM
PASS US.

DON'T BE
CARELESS,
MUSICA.

HUH. I
REMEMBER
TWO OF
THOSE
UGLY
MUGS.

LET'S SEE
WHAT
THEY'VE
GOT FOR
US.

SHFF

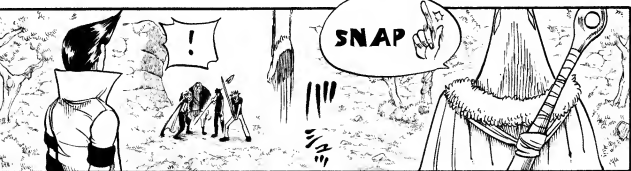
THE RAVE
WARRIORS.

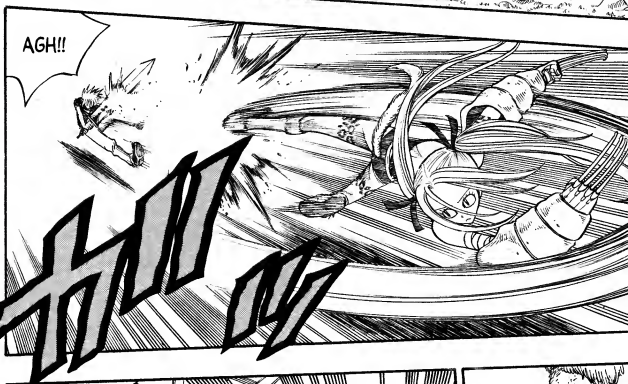
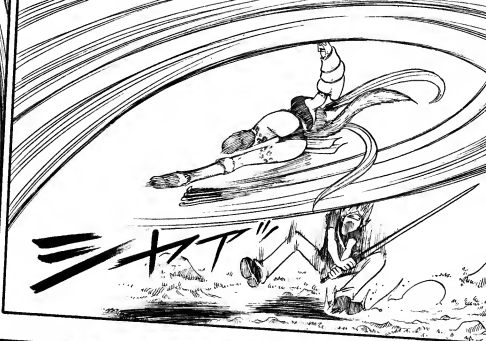
BC Six Guard
Leader—
Lukan

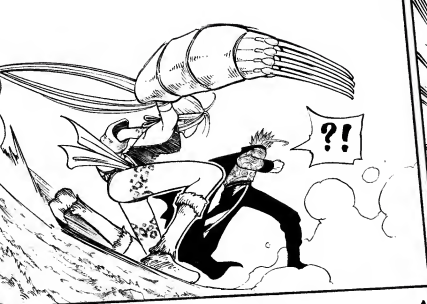
SNAP

WHAT
SPEED!!

AW,
SNAP!!









DON'T
PULL YOUR
PUNCHES
BECAUSE
SHE'S A
GIRL!



SHE'S
TOO
FAST!!



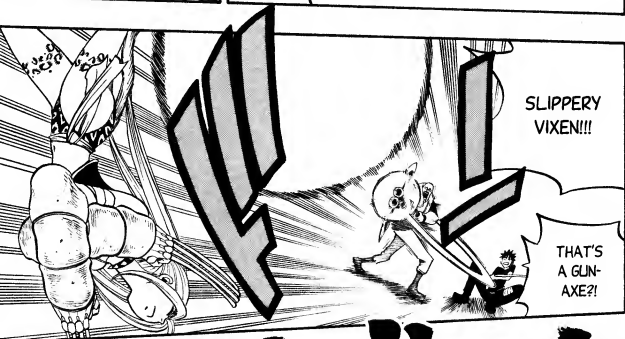
RRGH!



SHE'S
THE
ENEMY!!!



YEESH!
WATCH
IT, OLD
MAN!!

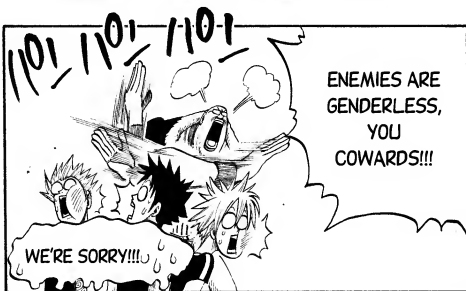


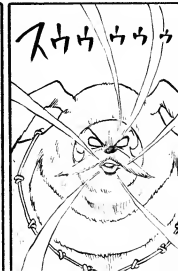
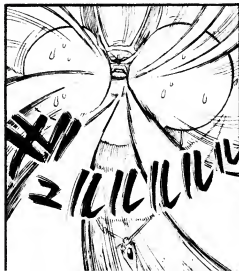
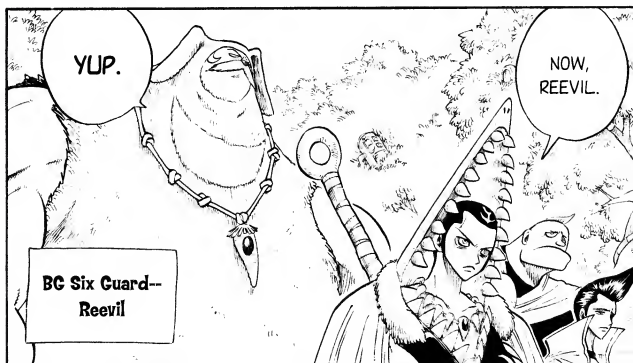
SLIPPERY
VIXEN!!!

THAT'S
A GUN-
AXE?!

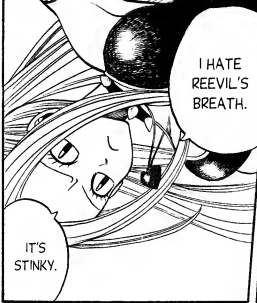


H-HE
SAID TO
WATCH
IT!



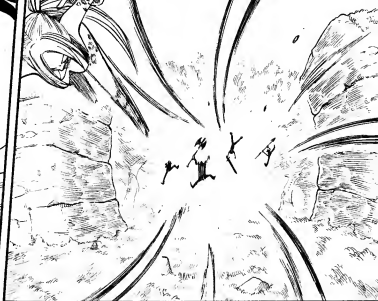






I HATE
REEVIL'S
BREATH.

IT'S
STINKY.



WHEW.

YES! YOU
SENT
THEM
BACK,
YES!

WHUMP

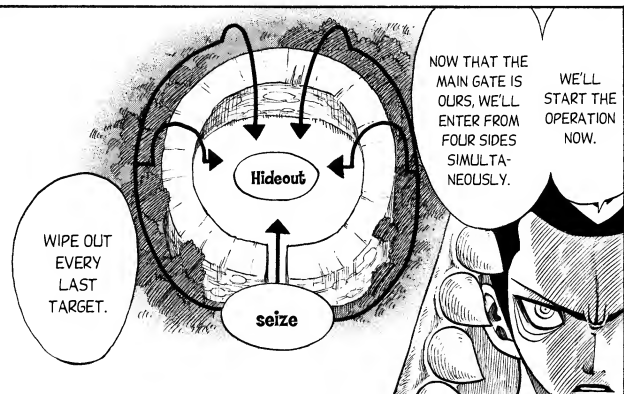




GOOD
WORK,
KITTEN.

MM...
I LIKE
PRAISE.

THE
MICE
ARE IN
THE
SACK.

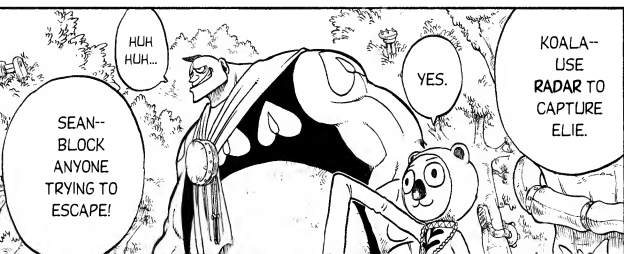


NOW THAT THE
MAIN GATE IS
OURS, WE'LL
ENTER FROM
FOUR SIDES
SIMULTA-
NEOUSLY.

WE'LL
START THE
OPERATION
NOW.

WIPE OUT
EVERY
LAST
TARGET.

seize

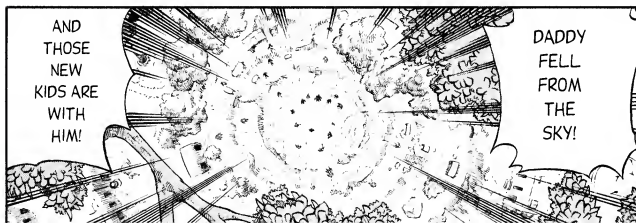


HUH
HUH...

YES.

SEAN--
BLOCK
ANYONE
TRYING TO
ESCAPE!

KOALA--
USE
RADAR TO
CAPTURE
ELIE.





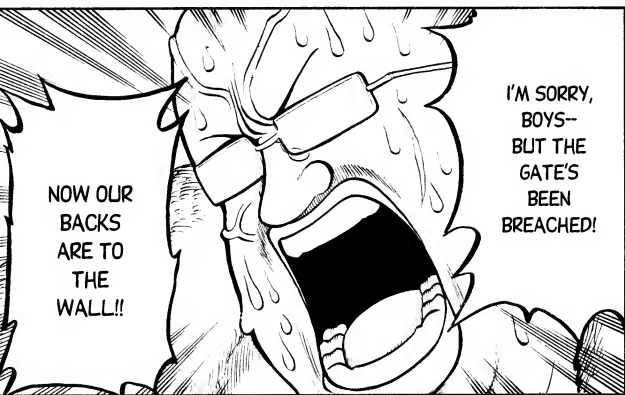
OH...
SO YOU
WERE
AWARE.

THIS IS BAD. WE
WERE FIGHTING
OUTSIDE
BECAUSE
WE'RE AT A
DISADVANTAGE
IN HERE!



AND IT
REEKED,
TOO.

THAT'S...
SOME
BREATH.



NOW OUR
BACKS
ARE TO
THE
WALL!!

I'M SORRY,
BOYS--
BUT THE
GATE'S
BEEN
BREACHED!

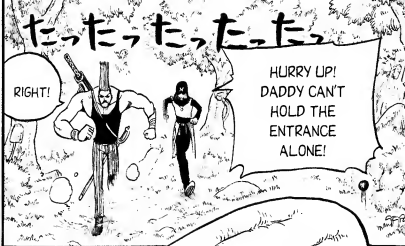




WHO'S THAT?!

HUH?

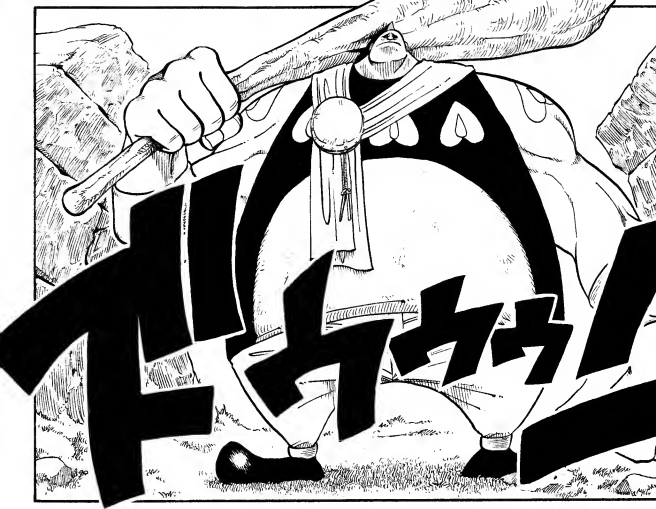
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RIGHT!

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HURRY UP!
DADDY CAN'T
HOLD THE
ENTRANCE
ALONE!



AND HE'S
AT THE
GATE! WHAT
HAPPENED
TO DADDY?!

I THINK
THAT'S A BG
GUY. BUT...
WHY IS HE
ALONE?



YOU MUST
BE CRAZY
TO COME
HERE TO
FIGHT WITH
NO ARMY.

OH, YEAH?
WELL,
THERE'S
TWO OF
US AND
ONE OF
YOU, PAL!



TOO
BAD
FOR
THEM.

AWW...TWO
LITTLE
STUPIDS
LOST
THEIR WAY.



SHOULD
WE GO
BACK?!

I H-
HOPE
HE'S
LYING...!

NOT
WITH
HIM
HERE!



NAH.
THEY'RE
INSIDE
ALREADY.

IT'LL ALL
BE OVER
REAL
SOON...



YOU
GOT
IT!!

LET'S
TAKE
CARE OF
FATTY,
FIRST!



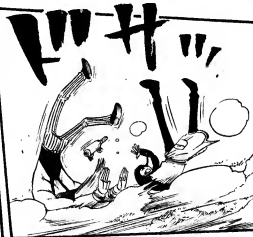
GAGH!!

STEEE-
RIIKE!!



YOU
GUYS
TRULY
ARE
DUMB.

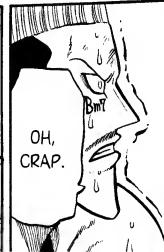
SIX GUARD'S
SEAN...
BEATEN
BY YOU?



NUH-
UH.

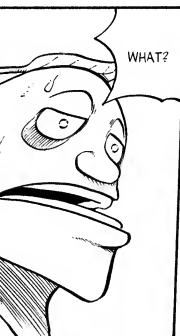
RETREAT!

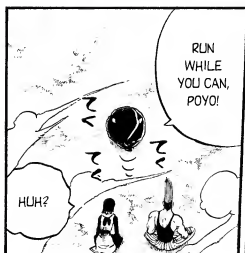
CALL
FOR
HELP!

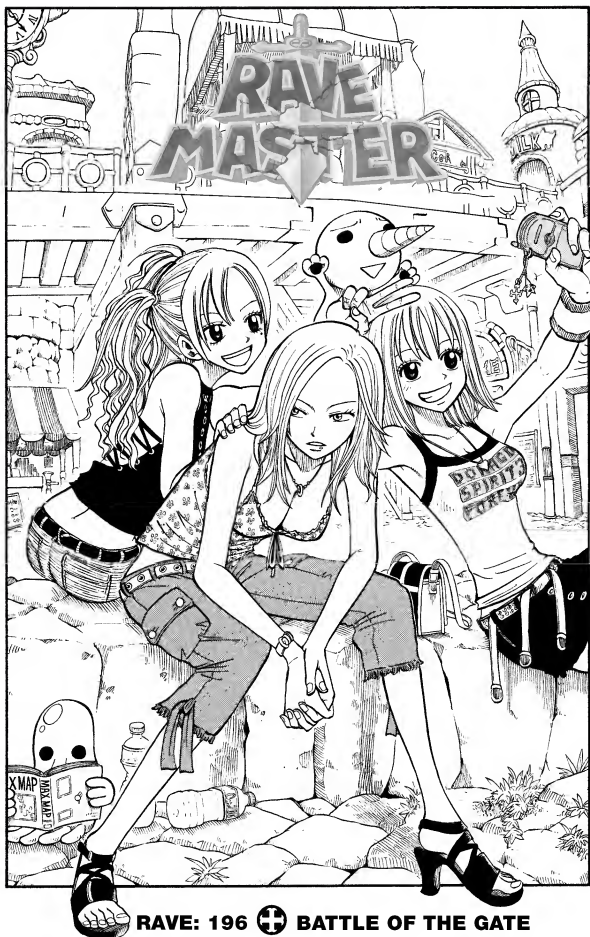


OH,
CRAP.

H-HE'S
WITH
SIX
GUARD?!







THEY
DROPPED IN
OVER THE
WALLS!!

DADDY!!

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WE DON'T HAVE
A CHOICE. WE'VE
GOTTA SPLIT UP
AND STOP 'EM!

THE
FIGHT'S
STARTED!

WHAT?
THEY'RE
ALREADY
HERE?!

TAKE DOWN
SIX GUARD
THE ATTACK
FALLS APART!

SIX GUARD'S
COMING FROM
FOUR DIFFERENT
DIRECTIONS!

DAMN!

WE
HAVE TO
DO THIS.

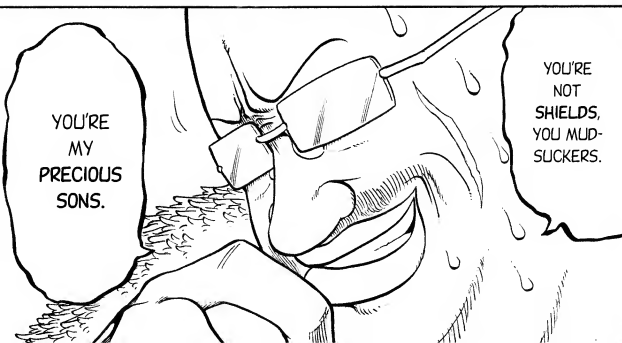
WE DON'T
HAVE A
CHOICE,
DADDY!

WAIT, YOU
SCUM! YOU
CAN'T BEAT
SIX GUARD BY
YOURSELVES!



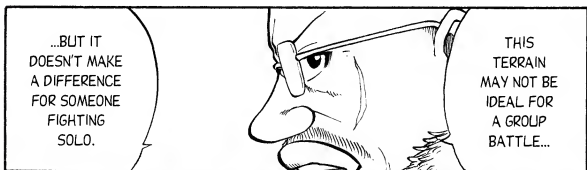
WE'RE
FIGHTING
FOR DADDY
AND THE
HIDEOUT,
BOYS!!!

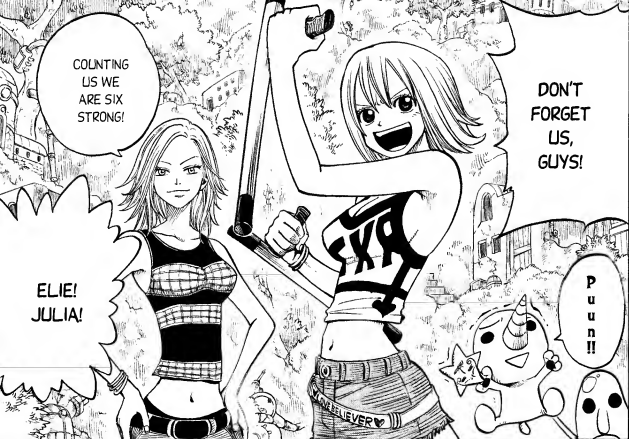
IF THEY'RE
HARDNER'S
SHIELDS--
THEN WE'RE
DADDY'S
SHIELDS!



YOU'RE
MY
PRECIOUS
SONS.

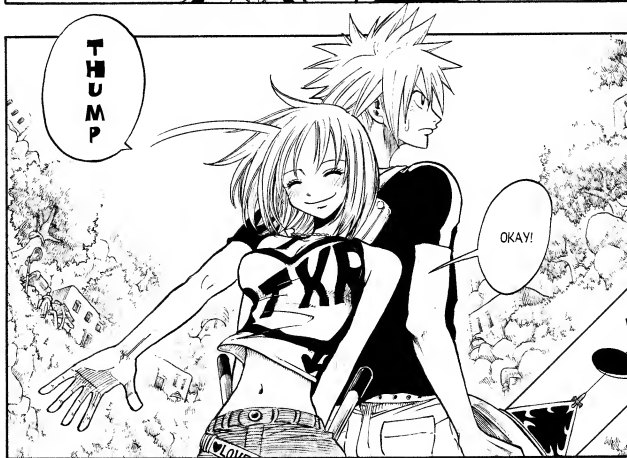
YOU'RE
NOT
SHIELDS,
YOU MUD-
SUCKERS.





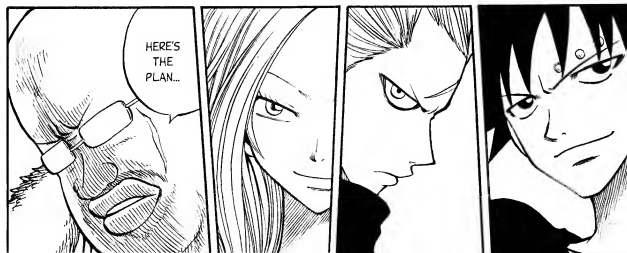


I-I GUESS
WE'LL FIGHT--
TOGETHER.

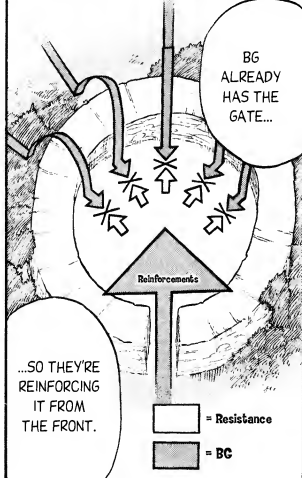
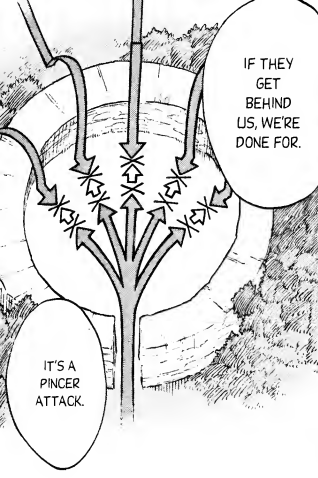


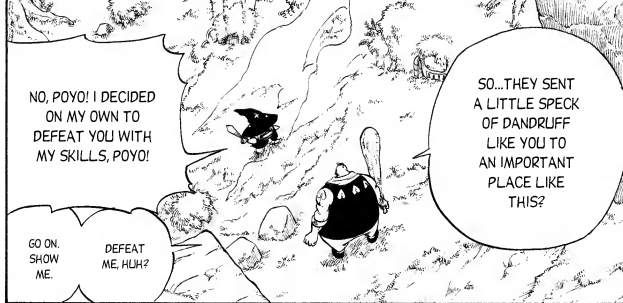
THUMP

OKAY!



HERE'S
THE
PLAN...





NO, POYO! I DECIDED
ON MY OWN TO
DEFEAT YOU WITH
MY SKILLS, POYO!

SO...THEY SENT
A LITTLE SPECK
OF DANDRUFF
LIKE YOU TO
AN IMPORTANT
PLACE LIKE
THIS?

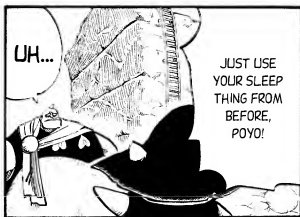
GO ON.
SHOW
ME.

DEFEAT
ME, HUH?



NO.

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?!



UH...

JUST USE
YOUR SLEEP
THING FROM
BEFORE,
POYO!



N-NO, POYO! I
CAN'T...W-WIN
LIKE THAT, POYO!



BUT YOUR
MAGIC
MADE IT
DISAPPEAR.

SO I'LL
JUST
POUND
YOU FLAT.



B-BUT WHY,
POYO?! THAT'S
YOUR SPECIAL
ATTACK, POYO!



I WON'T THIS
TIME, POYO!
I'LL REVERSE
IT, POYO!



ER...
HIT'LL
WORK
THIS
TIME,
POYO!

I'M NOT
GONNA
USE IT IF
IT WON'T
WORK.

READ MY
LIPS--YOU
MADE IT
DISAPPEAR.



GA A A A H!!!



OH,
YEAH?

SO
THAT'S
YOUR
TRICK.



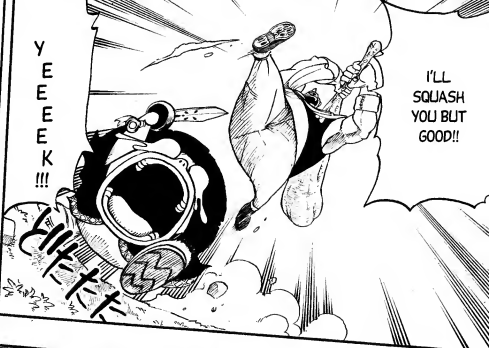
YOU
LITTLE
SHRIMP...

WHY DIDN'T
YOU JUST
REVERSE
HIS THING IN
THE FIRST
PLACE?!

YOU JUST
TOLD
HIM YOUR
PLAN,
YOU
IDIOT!

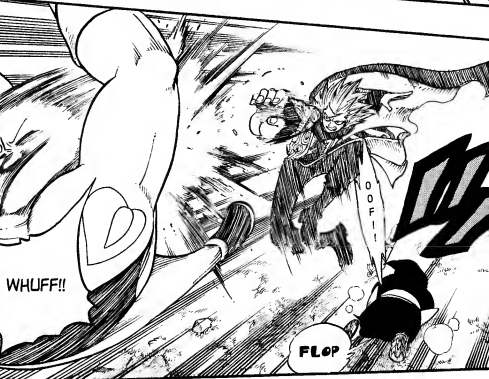


ARE YOU GONNA
FIGHT-OR ARE
YOU GONNA RUN?!



Y
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!!!

I'LL
SQUASH
YOU BUT
GOOD!!



WHUFF!!

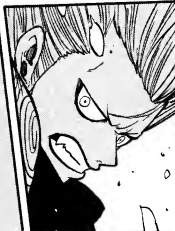
FLOP

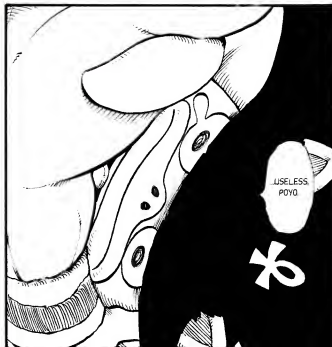
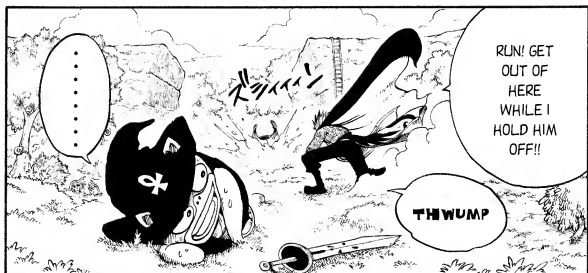


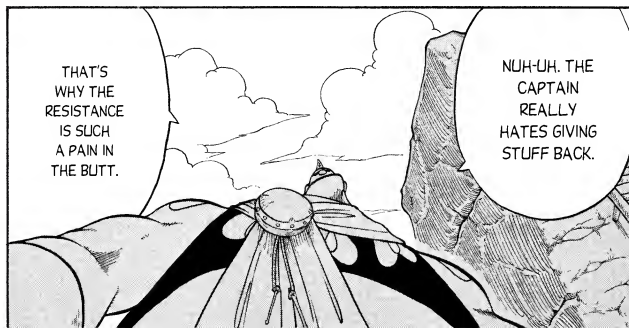
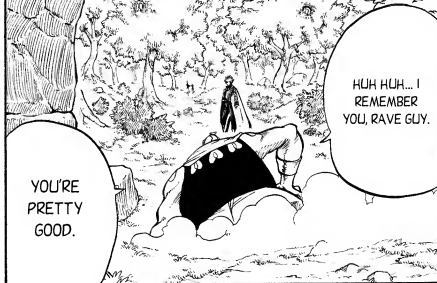
LET!!!

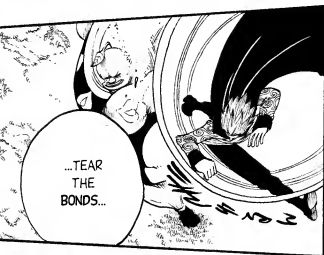


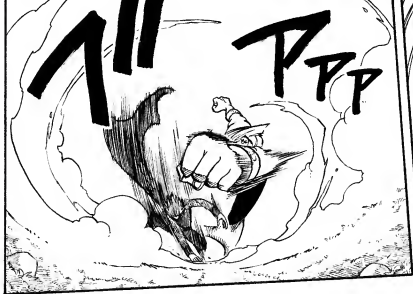
THANK
GOODNESS!
WE NEEDED
A REAL
FIGHTER!

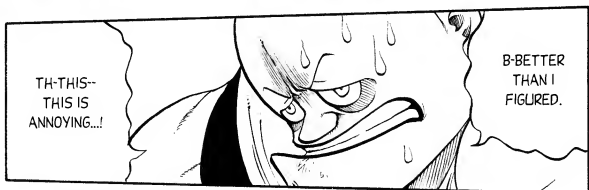




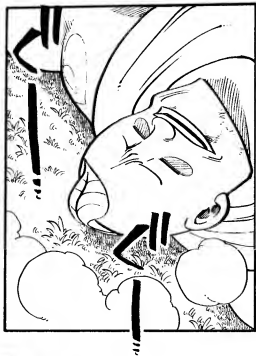
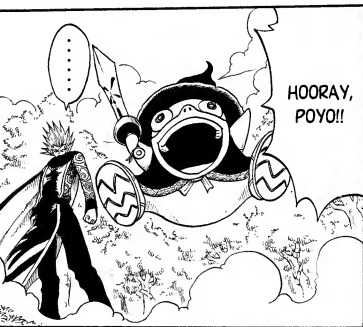


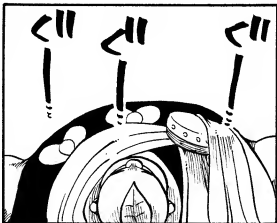














BUT YOU
SHOULD BE
ASLEEP!!



RUBY !!



HE IS
ASLEEP
!!

WHAT?
WAIT!!



ARGH!!

NYAAAAAAH!!

パン

HE'S LIKE A
COMPLETELY
DIFFERENT
PERSON!

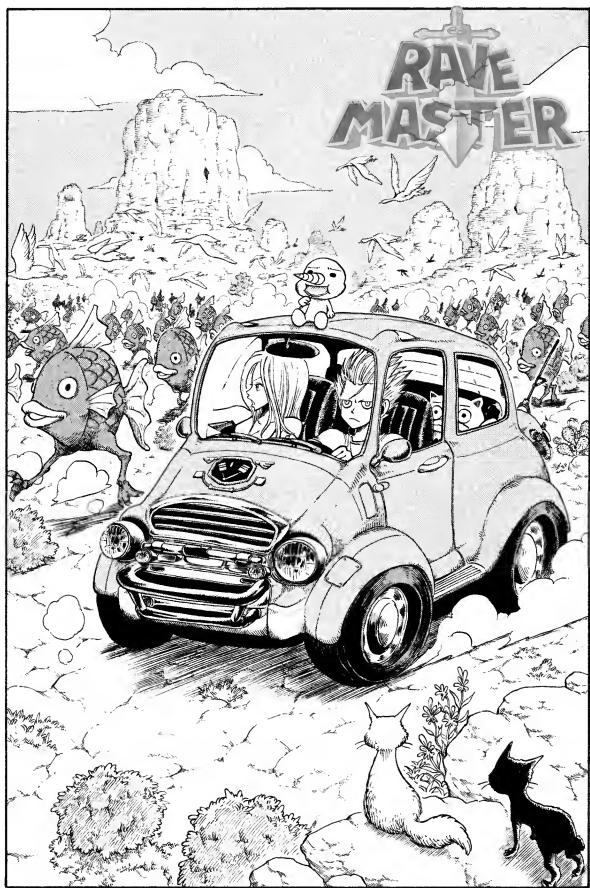
HE'S
GOTTEN
STRONGER...
FASTER,
EVEN!

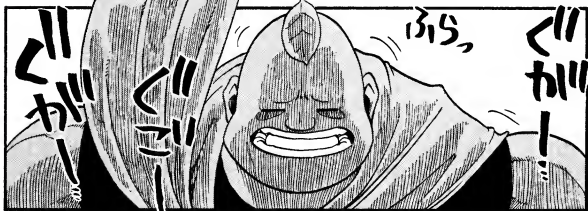


Nooooo...

I
guess...

...you're
useless
after all,
huh?





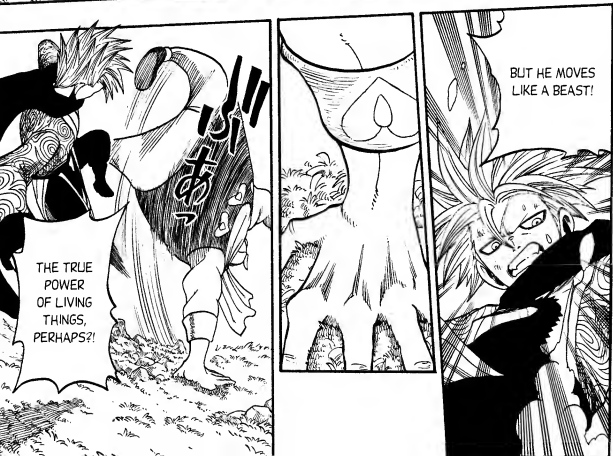
WH-WHAT
AN ATTACK!

!!



THE TRUE
POWER
OF LIVING
THINGS,
PERHAPS?!

BUT HE MOVES
LIKE A BEAST!





SO THIS
IS HIS
DB'S REAL
STRENGTH!



...THEN
I'LL SHOW
NO MERCY!



GAAH!!



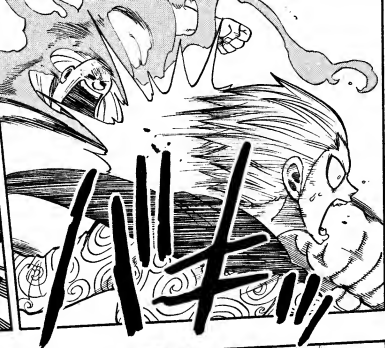
...BUT
IF HE
INSISTS...



WHILE I
DON'T ENJOY
STRIKING
SLEEPING
OPPONENTS...



NYUM!



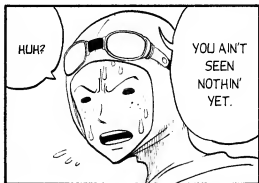


HEH...JUST
WATCH
AND LEARN,
NEWBIE.

THAT GUY'S
FIGHTING THE
DREAM PUNCH--
BUT HE'S NOT
DEAD YET!



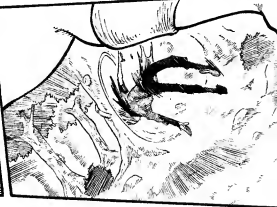
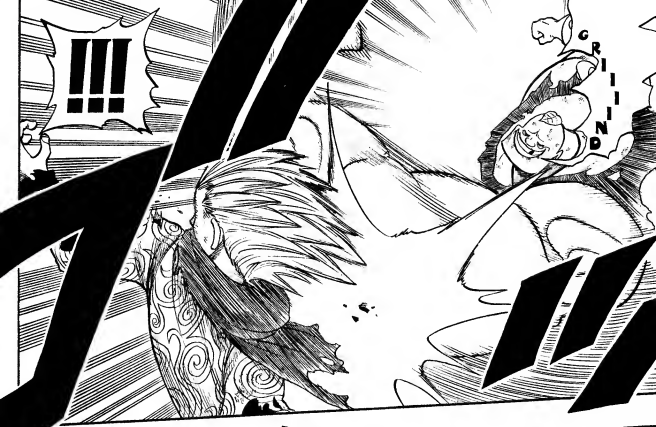
THAT
MEDDLE
SOME LITTLE
CHUMP IS ON
HIS WAY OUT.

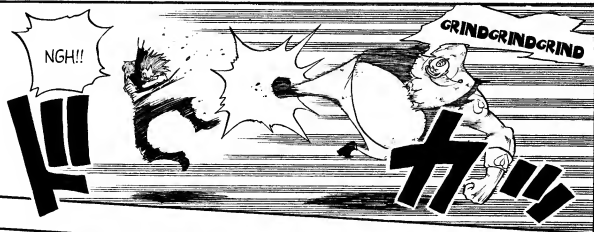


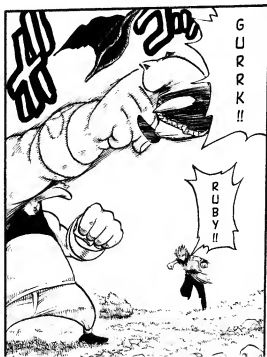
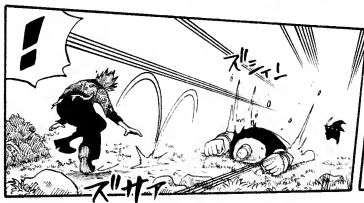
HUH?

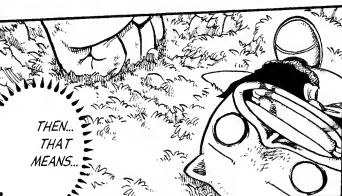
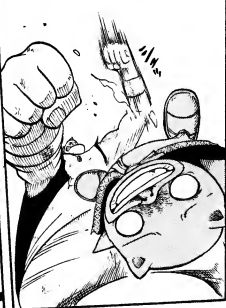
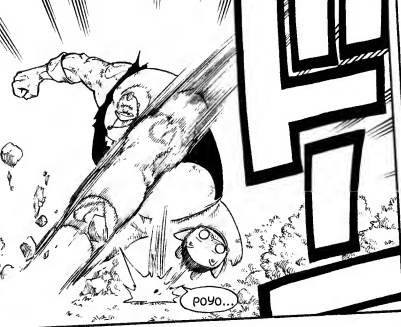
YOU AIN'T
SEEN
NOTHIN'
YET.

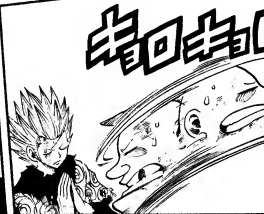










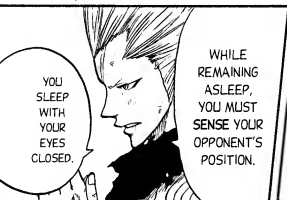




SNAP

ARGH!!!

WHERE'D
HE GO?!



YOU
SLEEP
WITH
YOUR
EYES
CLOSED.

WHILE
REMAINING
ASLEEP,
YOU MUST
SENSE YOUR
OPPONENT'S
POSITION.



HE
WOKE
UP!

WHY?!



SORRY TO
WAKE YOU
SO SOON.
BUT NEVER
FEAR...



Y-YOU
HID YOUR
PRESENCE?!

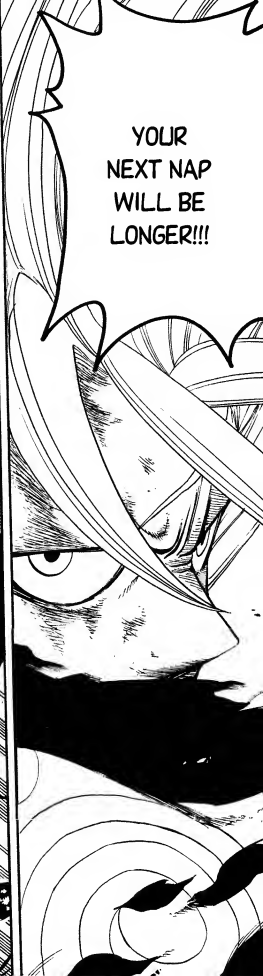


WHEN RUBY'S
PRESENCE
VANISHED, YOU
LOST TRACK
OF HIM.



MASTER
TECHNIQUE-
HEAVENLY
AMBER
DRAGON!!!

YOUR
NEXT NAP
WILL BE
LONGER!!!





L-LET'S
CALL FOR
REINFORCEMENTS!

RIGHT!
YEEE!!

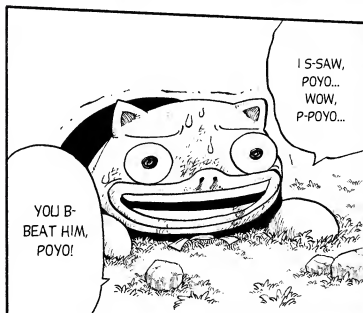
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THAT
GUY'S A
MONSTER!

NO WAY!
SEAN
LOST?!

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YOU B-
BEAT HIM,
POYO!

I S-SAW,
POYO...
WOW,
P-POYO...

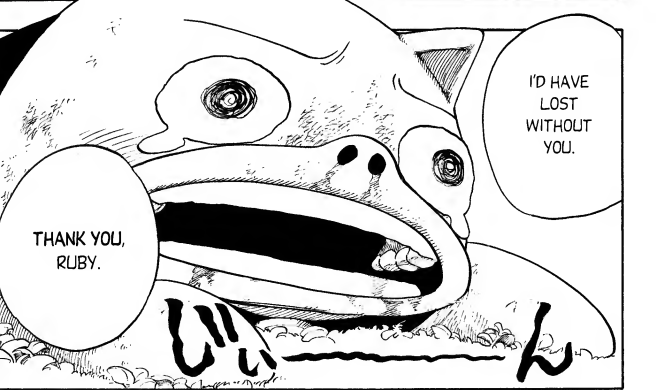


RUBY...
ARE YOU
ALL
RIGHT?

M
M
G
H
...



NO. WE
BEAT HIM-
TOGETHER.



I'D HAVE
LOST
WITHOUT
YOU.

THANK YOU,
RUBY.

LET!!

NGNH!

THE FIGHT
ISN'T OVER.
MORE BG
TROOPS ARE
ON THEIR--

I-I WAS
USEFUL,
POYO?

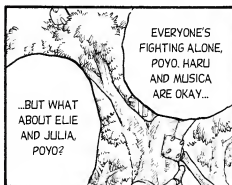
THERE'S
NO NEED
TO CRY.

BUT I'M
HAPPY,
POYO!



TELL THE
OTHERS THAT
THE GATE
IS SAFE.

NO MATTER
HOW MANY
COME, NONE
WILL PASS.



...BUT WHAT
ABOUT ELIE
AND JULIA,
POYO?

EVERYONE'S
FIGHTING ALONE,
POYO. HARU
AND MUSICA
ARE OKAY...

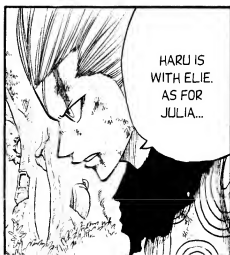


YOU
FOUGHT
SO HARD,
POYO.

THE ENEMY'S
TOUGHER
THAN WE
THOUGHT,
POYO.



...I SEE.
Heh...

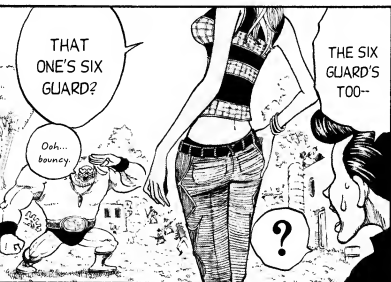


HARU IS
WITH ELIE.
AS FOR
JULIA...



THIS GUY'S
JUST
BREATHING!
AND HIS
BREATH
SMELLS
LIKE CRAP!

Y
A
A
A
H
!!

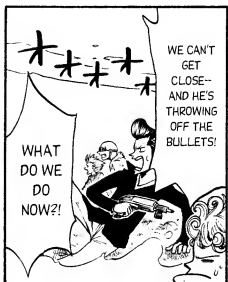


THAT
ONE'S SIX
GUARD?

THE SIX
GUARD'S
TOO--

Ooh...
bouncy.

?



WE CAN'T
GET
CLOSE--
AND HE'S
THROWING
OFF THE
BULLETS!

WHAT
DO WE
DO
NOW?!



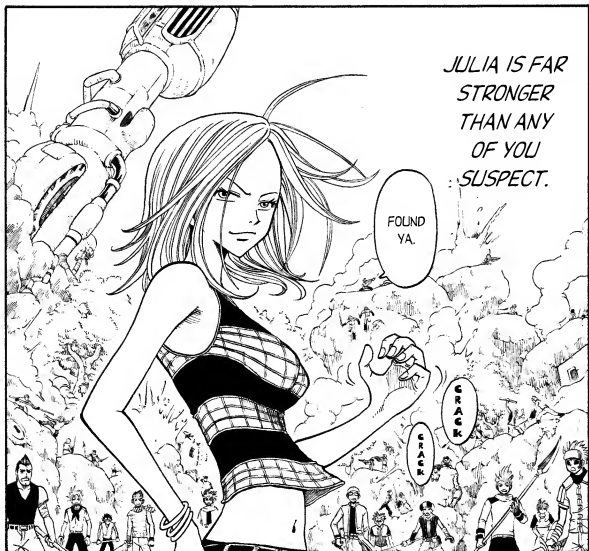
H
M
P
H

HURRY UP
AND HIDE!

WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING,
LADY?!

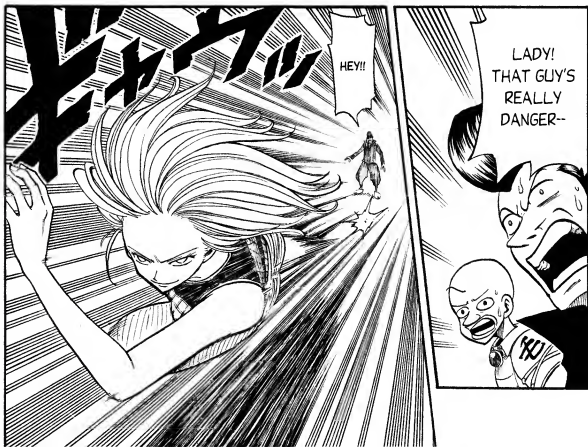
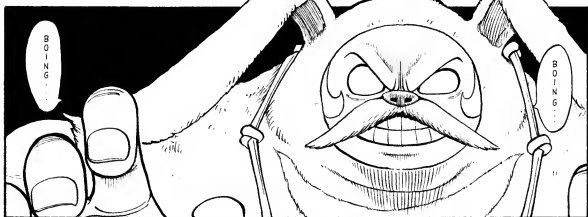
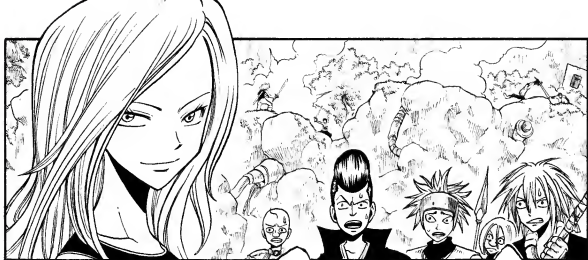


YOU DON'T
KNOW YET,
DO YOU?





RAVE: 198  **THE SPIRIT OF A WOMAN!**





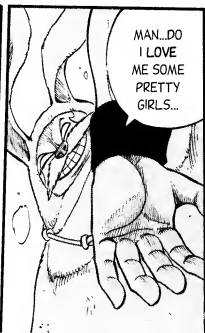
...TO THE
TERM
"HEEL,"
DOESN'T
IT, DOG
BREATH?

GIVES
A NEW
MEANING...

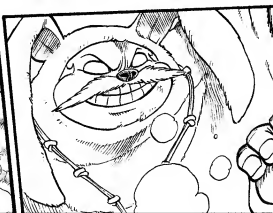
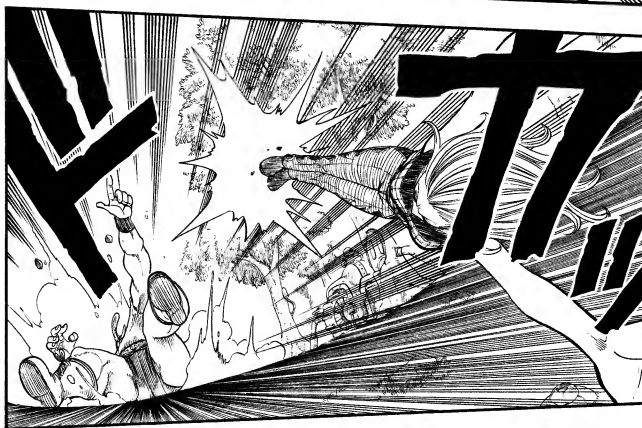
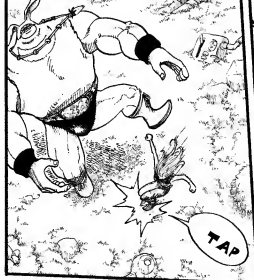


ONLY
IN YOUR
DREAMS,
FLEA
BAG!

THEY'RE
MY
FAVORITE
TYPE OF
CHEW
TOY!!



MAN...DO
I LOVE
ME SOME
PRETTY
GIRLS...





DRAGON
INFERNO
DRAUGHT!!!

I
LEARNED
THIS ONE
FROM
LET...



HO HO! NO
FIRE CAN
WITHSTAND
MY HARD
BREATH DB!!



HOW
THE
HECK
CAN--?!

SH-SHE'S
BREATHING
FIRE?!

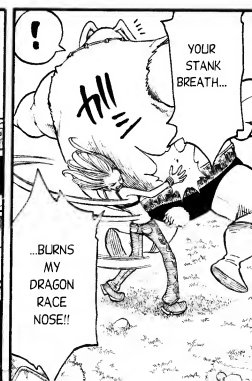


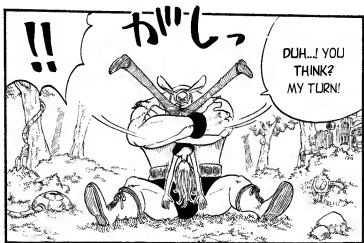
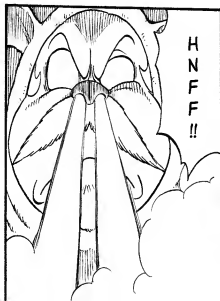
POKE

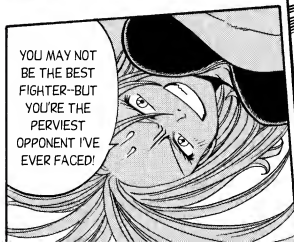
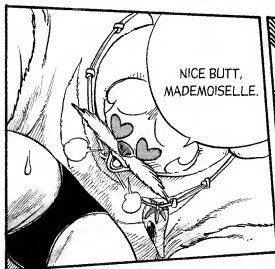
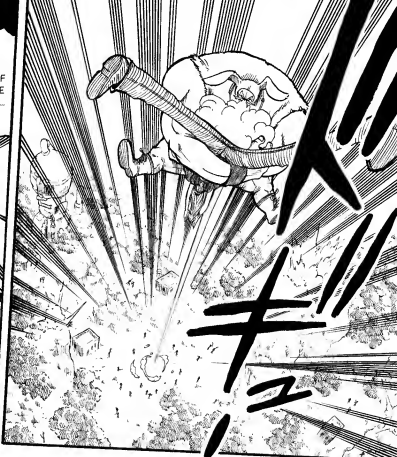
HO HO!
AH HAN
HONROL
BY BWEAH
DIKE DIS!*

*HO HO! I CAN CONTROL
MY BREATH LIKE THIS!











RRGH!



EMBARRASSING
TO DIE IN
PANTIES, YES?



I LIKE
YOU,
BOUNCY.

STILL
ALIVE?
WOW.

NNH...

YOU'RE MY
GIRL, NOW!

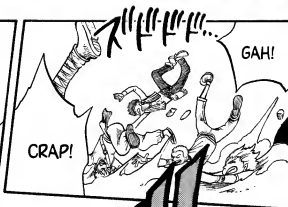
H A G H !!

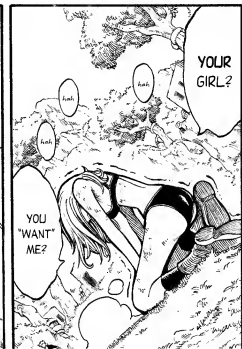
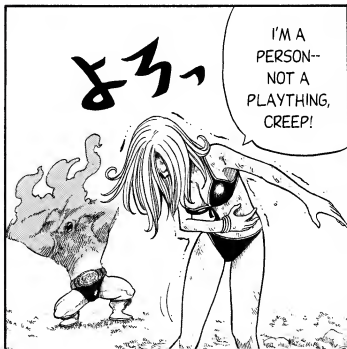
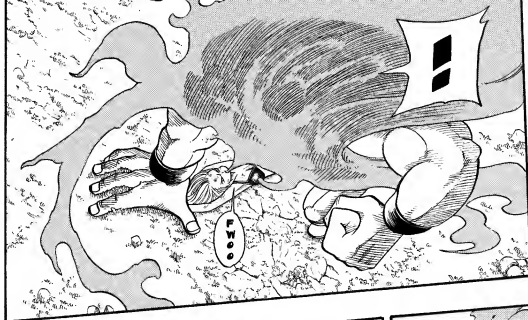
THAT GUY'S
A DIRTY
FIGHTER
IN EVERY
SENSE OF
THE WORD!

WE'VE
GOTTA
HELP!

YOU'RE
ALL
MINE!!

HO HO!
MINE,
MINE!







TREATING
A GIRL
LIKE
THAT...



YOU BG
MONSTERS
TORTURED
HER!

IT'S LIKE
WHAT
YOU
DID TO
NAGISA...



Y
E
E
A
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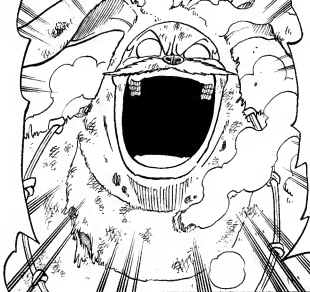
YOU DON'T
HAVE THE
RIGHT TO
"WANT"
ANYTHING!

THE ONLY THING
YOU DISH OUT
IS SUFFERING
AND FEAR.



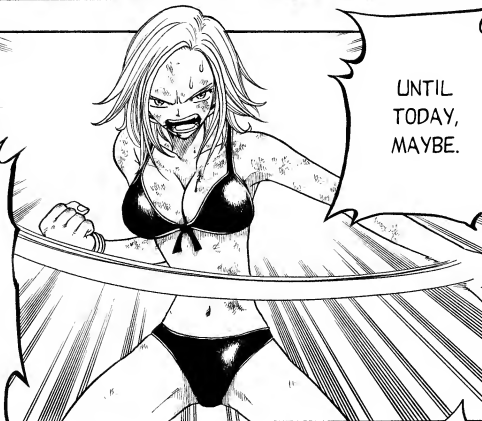
AND NEVER
UNDER-
ESTIMATE
A WOMAN!!

THAT'S THE
CAP'N'S
WAY--IT'S
WHAT SKY
PIRATES DO!



SPARE ME! I'M
GONNA TAKE
WHATEVER
I WANT,
HOWEVER
I WANT!

YOU'RE
NOT
TAKING
ME!



UNTIL
TODAY,
MAYBE.



WE'LL
SEE
ABOUT
THAT!!



THEY ARE
BEARABLE
ONLY WHEN
STRIPPED
NAKED AND IN
SHACKLES!

ALL
WOMEN ARE
INFERIOR!!
ALL WOMEN
ARE WEAK!!



YOUR BRA'S
GOING
NEXT!!

I'LL
SHOW
YOU!!



WHAT DID I JUST
SAY ABOUT UNDER-
ESTIMATING ME?



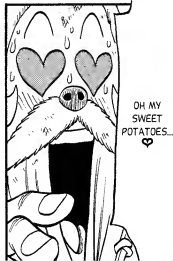
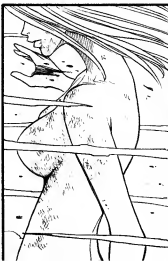
SO YOU'D
BETTER CRY
NOW AND
SAY YOU'RE
SORRY!!

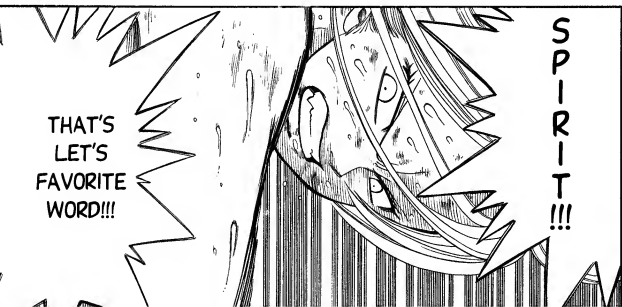
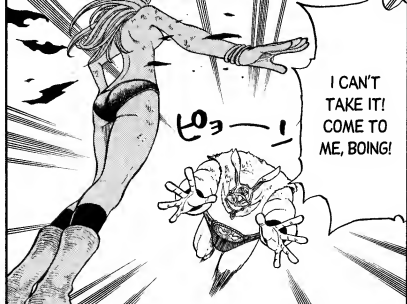
NO
SNIVELING
GIRL CAN
TAKE
THAT!

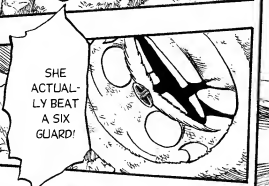
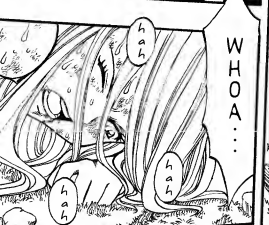


YOU SEEING
THESE CAN'T
BREAK ME,
BUNNY MAN!!!

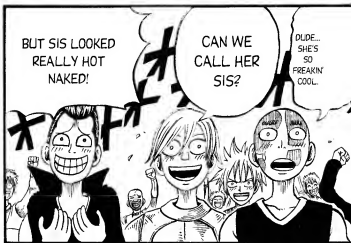
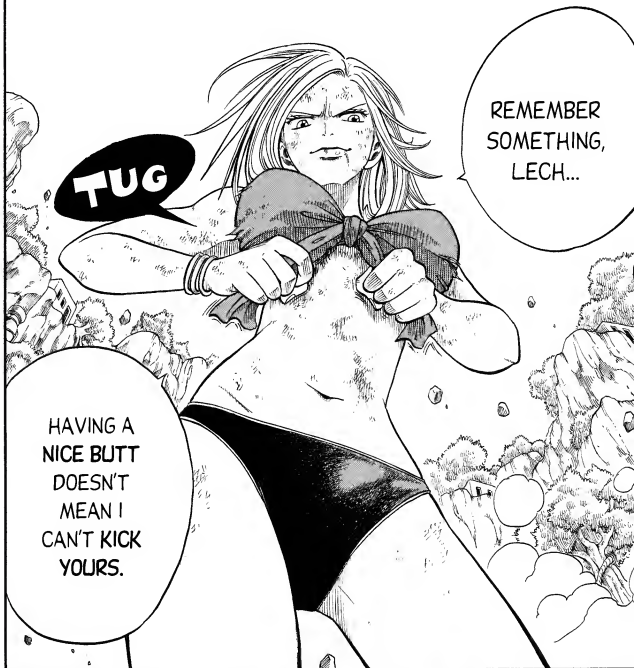
YOU THINK
THIS IS
HUMILIATING?!!



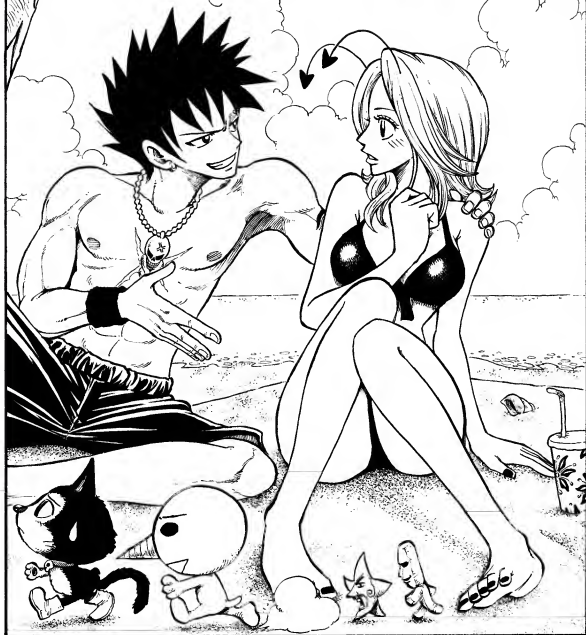


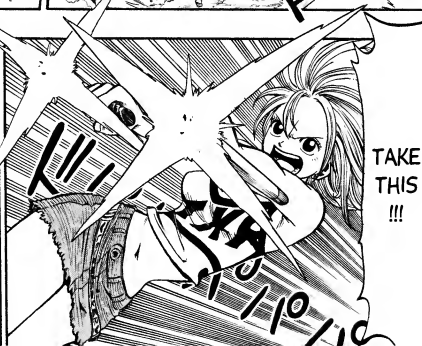


JULIA
RUNNER!!!

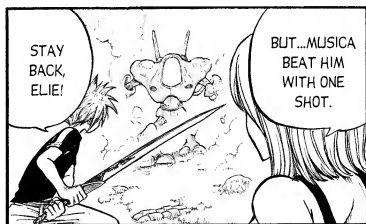
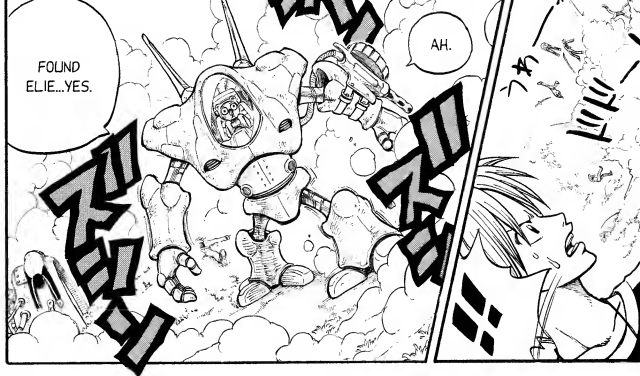


RAVE MASTER













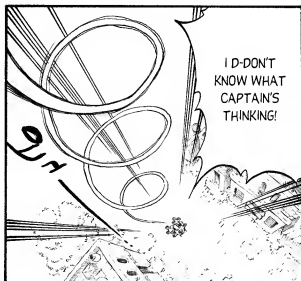


S-STOP THAT
UNCUTE
BEHAVIOR!
YES, YES!



LEGGO
OF ME!

I D-DON'T
KNOW WHAT
CAPTAIN'S
THINKING!



WHY'D
YOU GRAB
ME?!

V-VERY
UNCUTE!



YOU !!



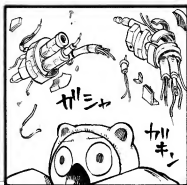
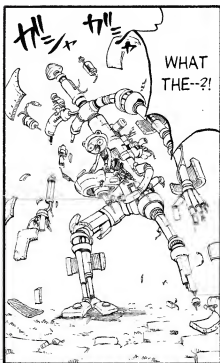
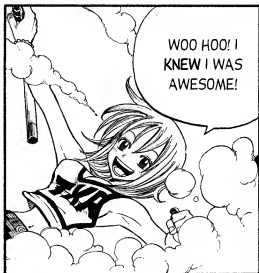
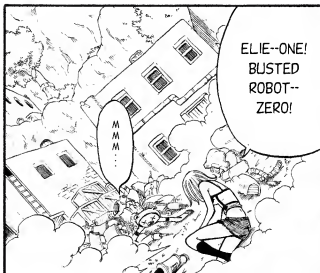


LISTEN UP!
IF YOU DON'T
LET ME GO...

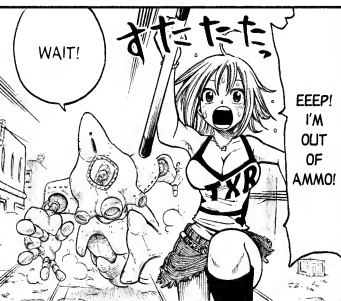
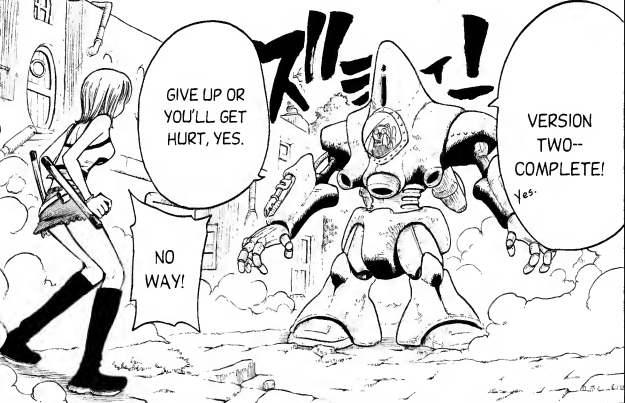


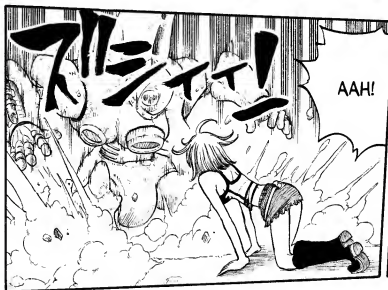
...THEN I'LL
SHOOT!!

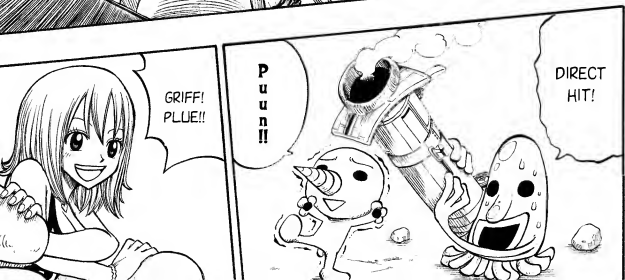
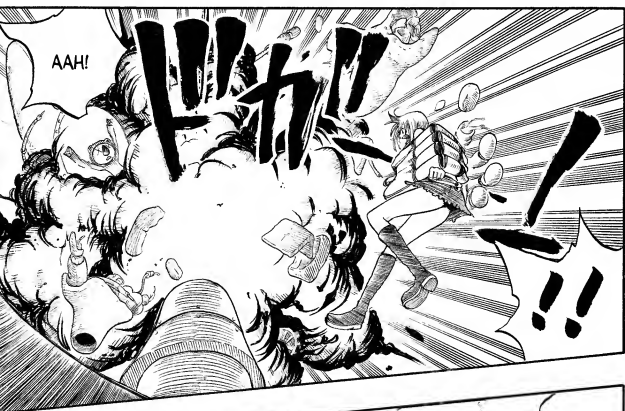
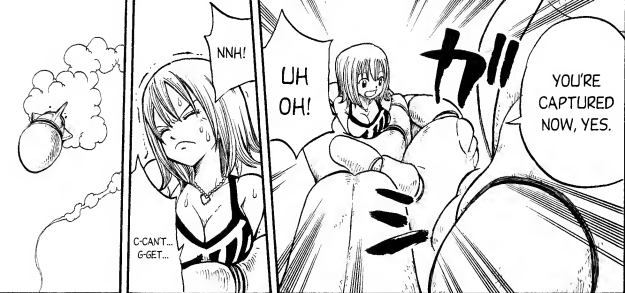
IT'S
NOT A
THREAT
IF YOU
DOOOO
IT!!
YEEEEES!!

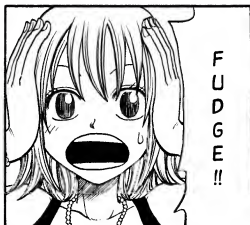


MY DB IS
MACHINERY.
Yes.









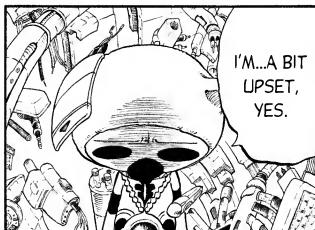
F U D G E !!



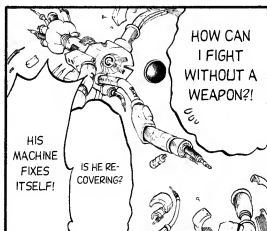
BUT THAT'S
ALL THE
AMMUNITION.

THANKS!
YOU'VE GOT
A WEAPON--
GIMME!

ALREADY?!



I'M...A BIT
UPSET,
YES.



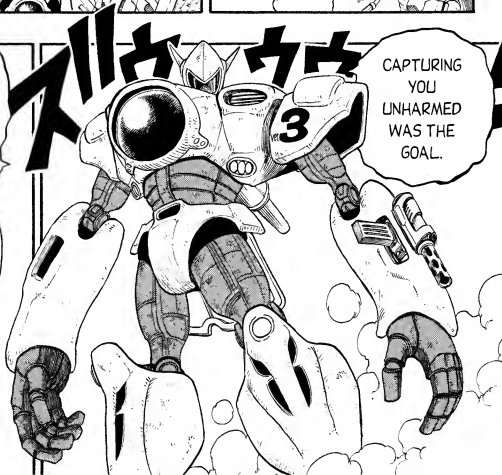
HIS
MACHINE
FIXES
ITSELF!

IS HE RE-
COVERING?

HOW CAN
I FIGHT
WITHOUT A
WEAPON?!

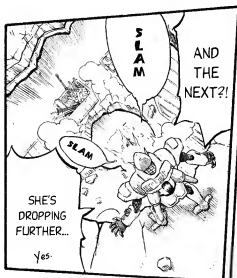


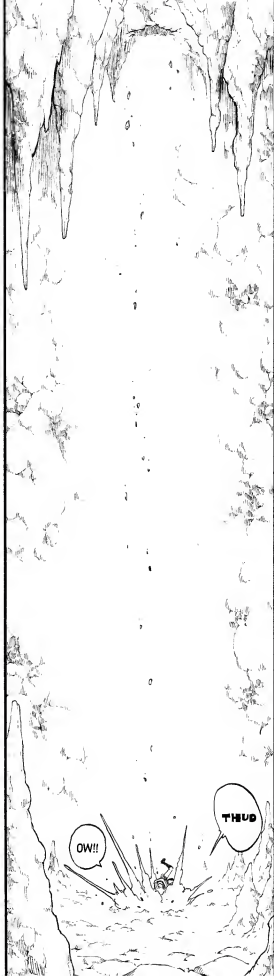
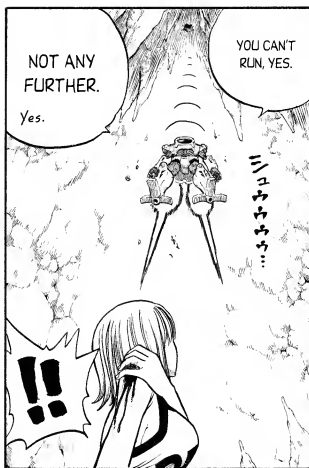
BUT...
DAMAGING
WITHOUT
KILLING...



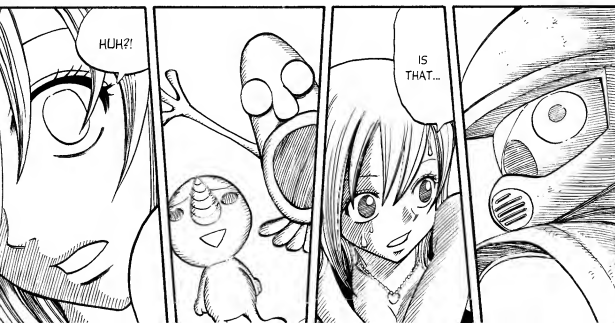
CAPTURING
YOU
UNHARMED
WAS THE
GOAL.





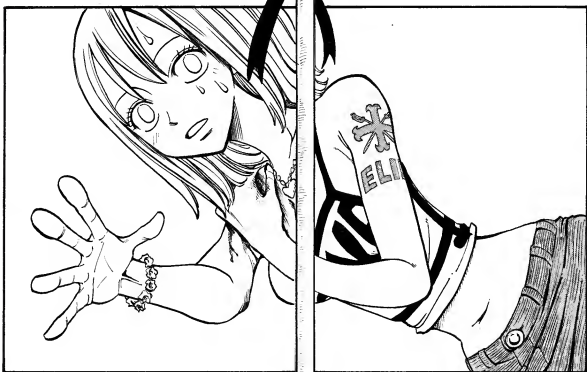
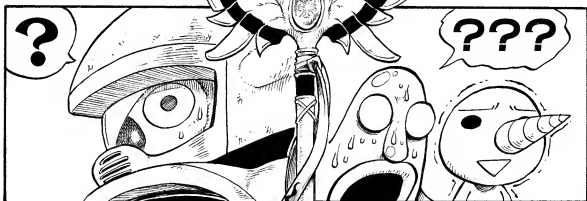
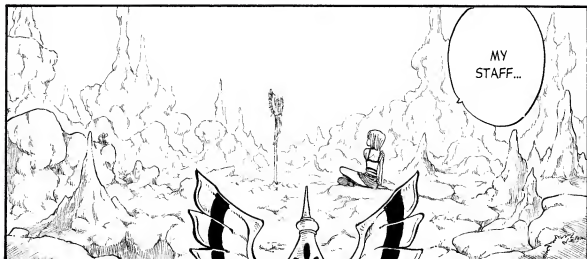




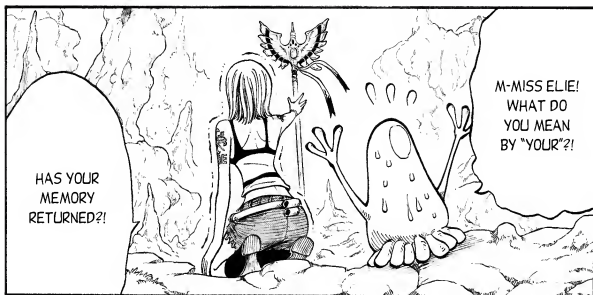


IT IS...IT'S
MY STAFF...

SAY
WHAT?!

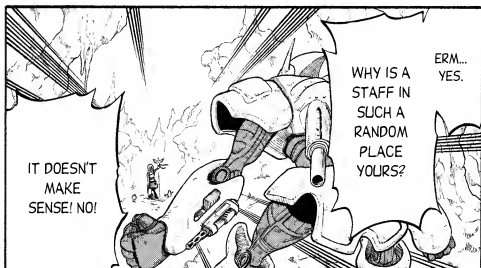






HAS YOUR
MEMORY
RETURNED?!

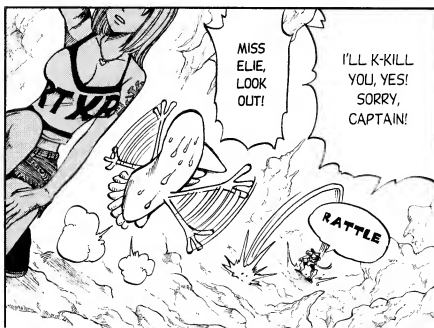
M-MISS ELIE!
WHAT DO
YOU MEAN
BY "YOUR"?!



IT DOESN'T
MAKE
SENSE! NO!

WHY IS A
STAFF IN
SUCH A
RANDOM
PLACE
YOURS?

ERM...
YES.



MISS
ELIE,
LOOK
OUT!

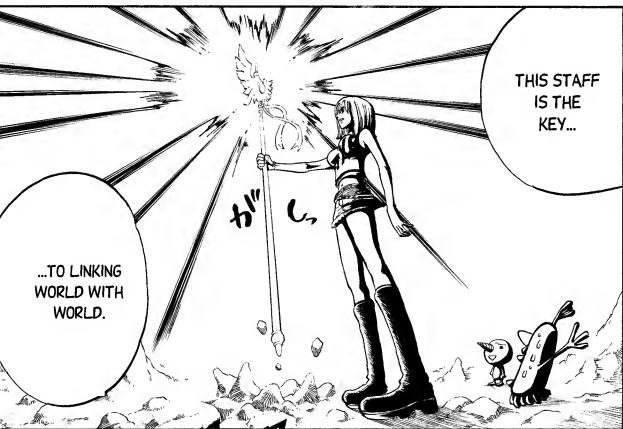
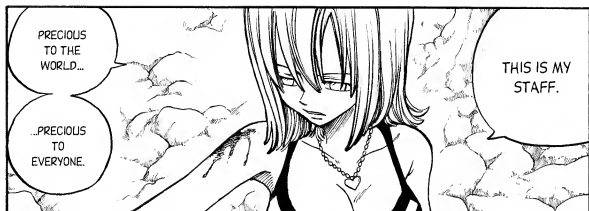
I'LL K-KILL
YOU, YES!
SORRY,
CAPTAIN!

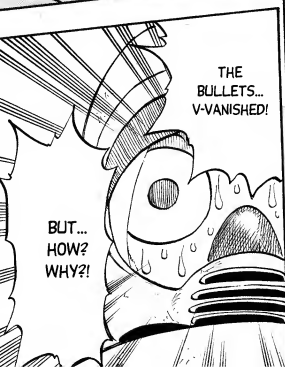
RATTLE



D-DON'T
TOUCH
IT, YES!

YOU
SHOULDN'T
TOUCH IT!

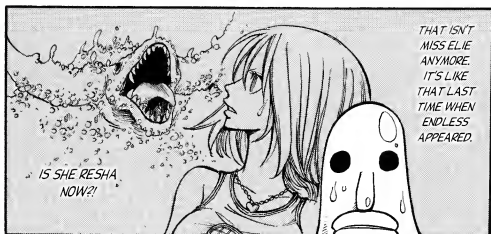






TO A
WORLD
WHERE
NO ONE
DWELLS.

NOT
VANISHED--
SENT AWAY.



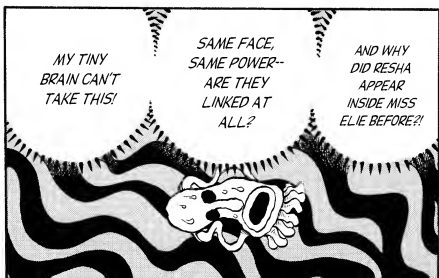
IS SHE RESHA
NOW?!

THAT ISN'T
MISS ELIE
ANYMORE.
IT'S LIKE
THAT LAST
TIME WHEN
ENDLESS
APPEARED.

SENT?! ANOTHER
WORLD?! I DON'T
UNDERSTAND
IT, YES!



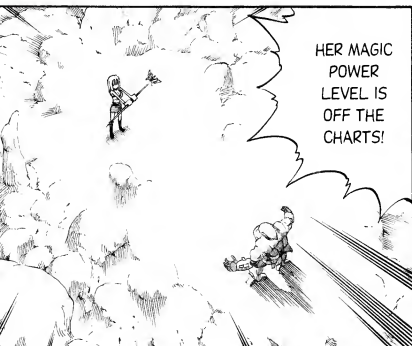
MASTER
PLUE! PLEASE
FORGIVE MY
STUPIDITY!



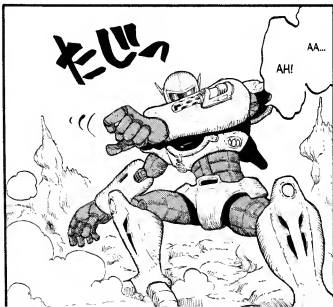
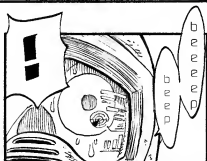
MY TINY
BRAIN CAN'T
TAKE THIS!

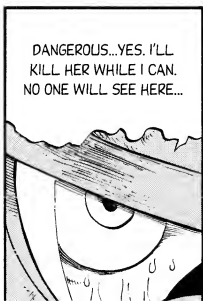
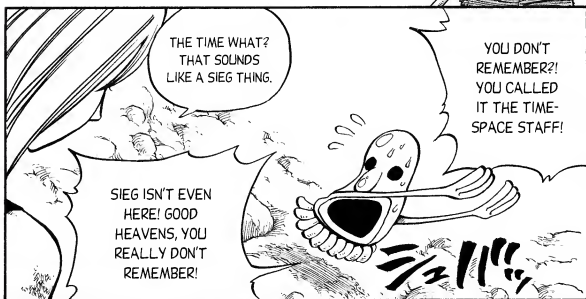
SAME FACE,
SAME POWER--
ARE THEY
LINKED AT
ALL?

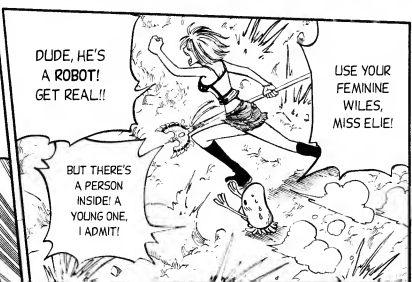
AND WHY
DID RESHA
APPEAR
INSIDE MISS
ELIE BEFORE?!

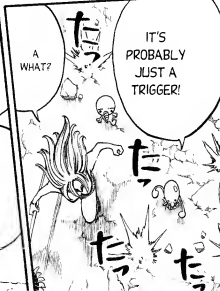
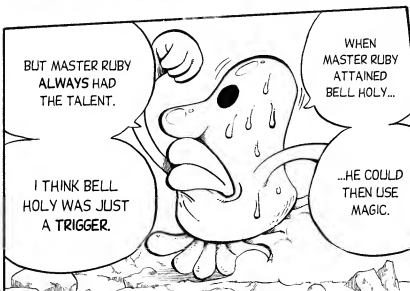
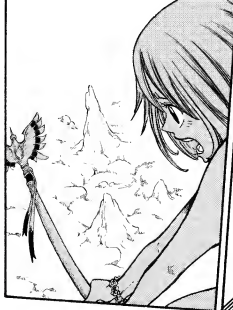


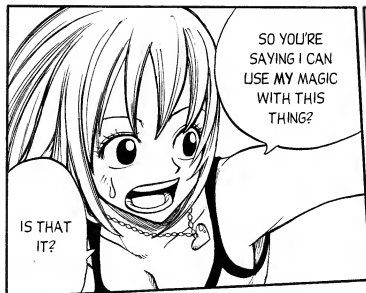
HER MAGIC
POWER
LEVEL IS
OFF THE
CHARTS!

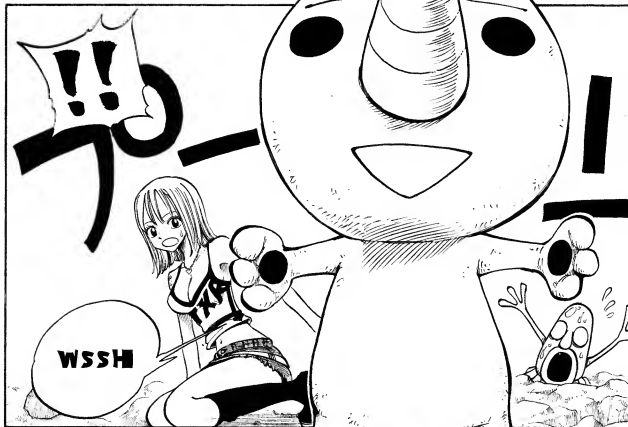
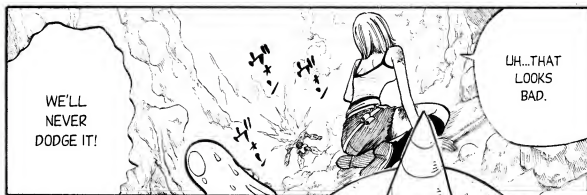


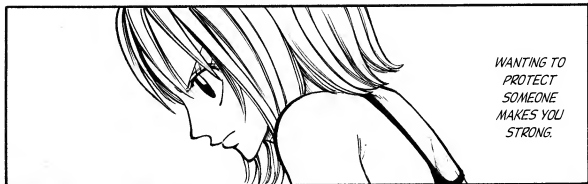
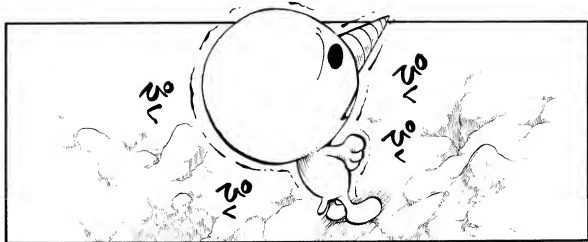












WANTING TO
PROTECT
SOMEONE
MAKES YOU
STRONG.



I
WANT...

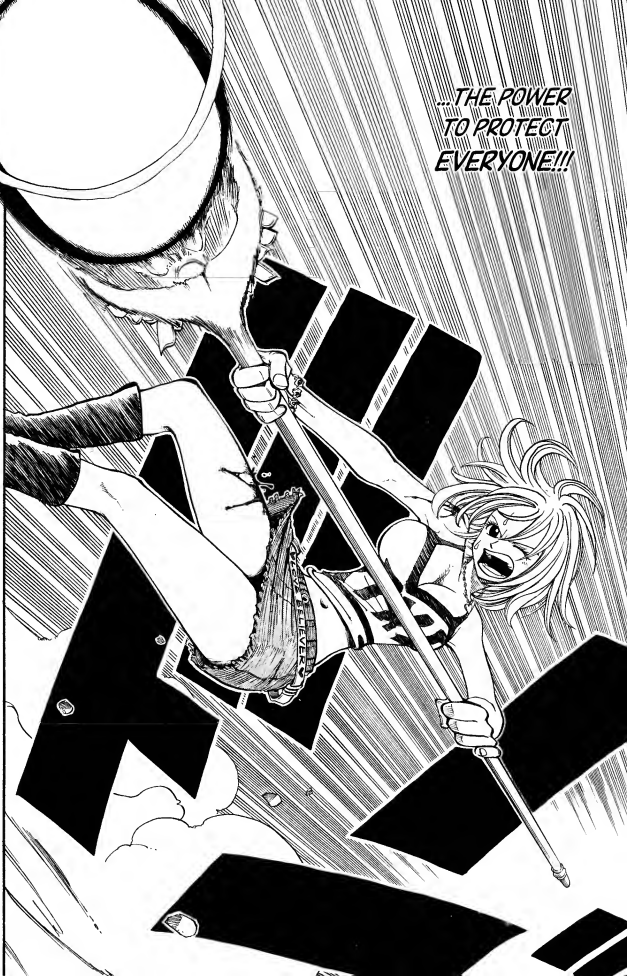


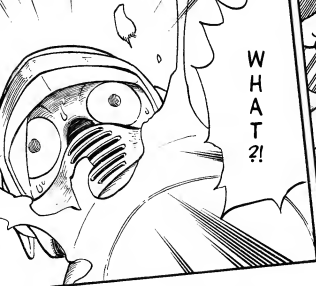
BUT I HAD IT
BACKWARDS,
DIDN'T I?

POWER
COMES WHEN
YOU WANNA
PROTECT
SOMETHING.

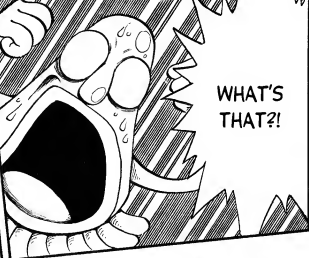
I THOUGHT I
DIDN'T HAVE
THE POWER
TO PROTECT
ANYONE.

*...THE POWER
TO PROTECT
EVERYONE!!!*

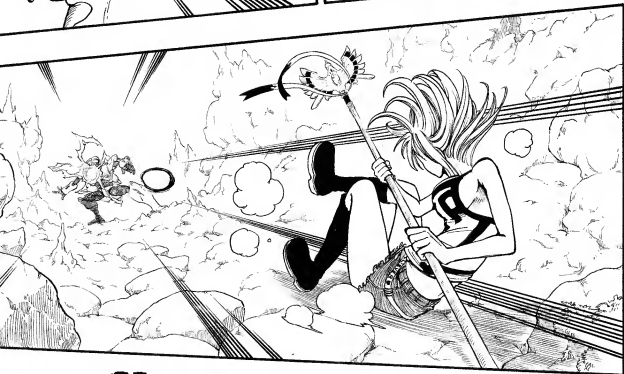




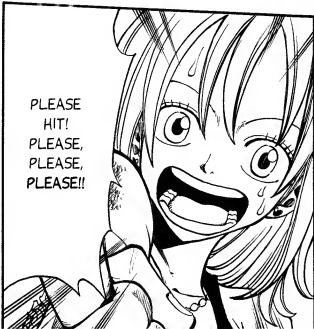
WHAT?
?!



WHAT'S
THAT?!



SUCH
TROUBLE,
YES!



PLEASE
HIT!
PLEASE,
PLEASE,
PLEASE!!



HUH?



UP!!!



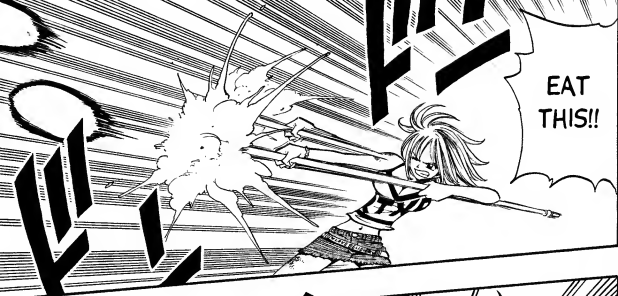
WE'LL
JUST SEE
ABOUT
THAT!



IT'S O-KAY,
YES! IT'S
WEAK MAGIC,
YES!



NOOO!!



EAT
THIS!!

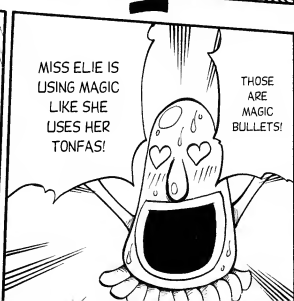


AGH!!

AND
THIS!!!



ETHERION
IS LIKE A
GOD-GIVEN
FRIEND.



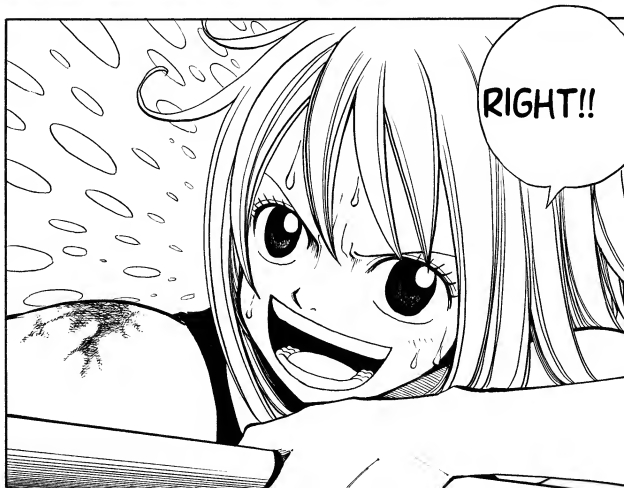
MISS ELIE IS
USING MAGIC
LIKE SHE
USES HER
TONFAS!

THOSE
ARE
MAGIC
BULLETS!



USE IT
WISELY.

SOMEDAY
YOUR
POWER IS
GOING TO
SAVE THE
WORLD.



RIGHT!!

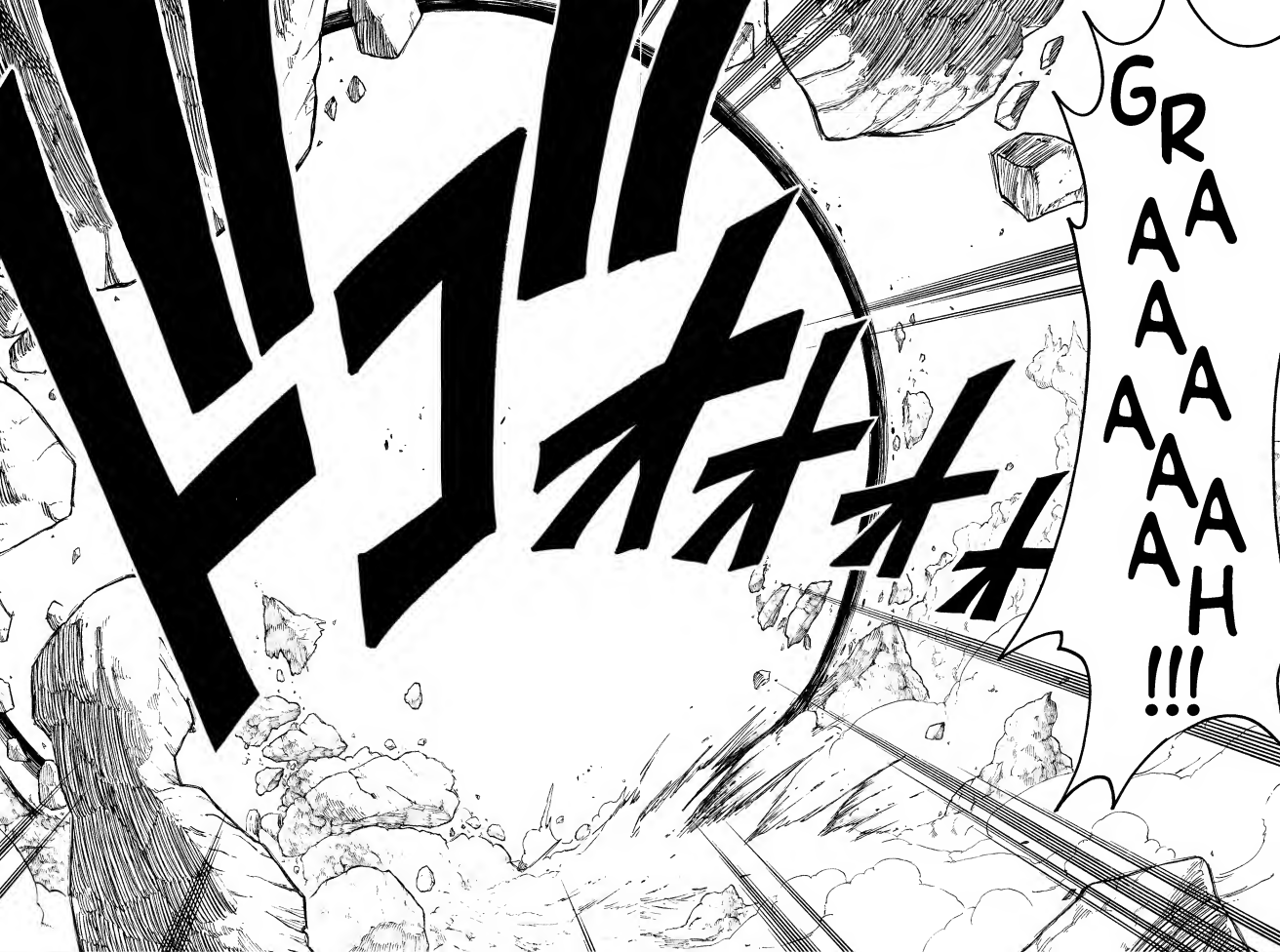


A
YUKARION
BEAM RE-
VERSAL?!

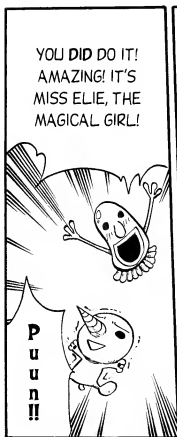
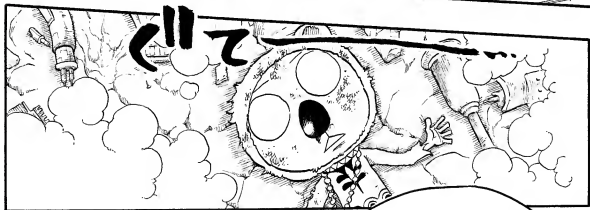
NO!
TOO
MANY
HITS?!

...GUN
MAGIC!!

THIS IS
MISS
ELIE'S
MAGIC!
WE CAN
CALL IT...



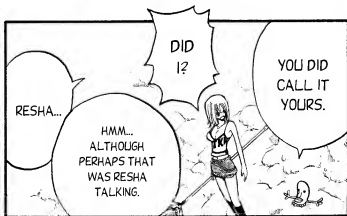
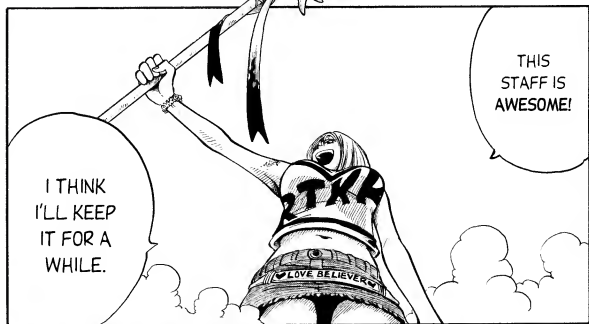
GRAAAAH!!!

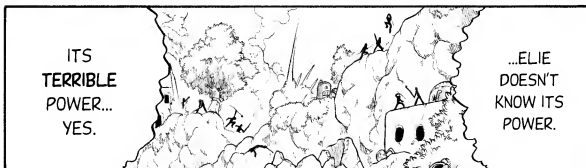
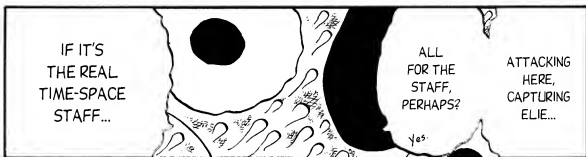
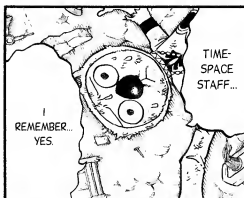
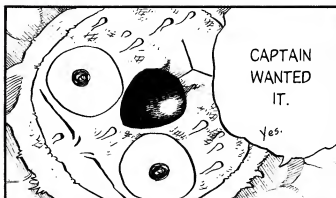


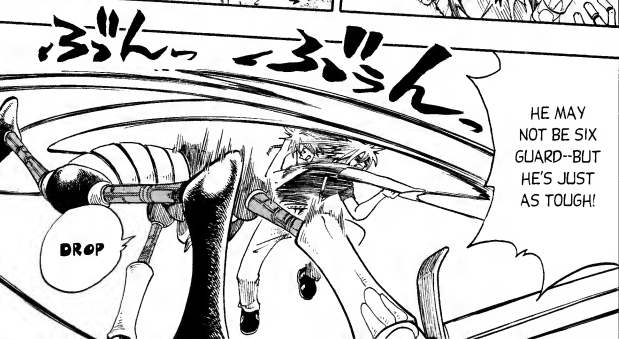
YOU DID DO IT!
AMAZING! IT'S
MISS ELIE, THE
MAGICAL GIRL!

I GOT
HIM!

I-
DID
IT!

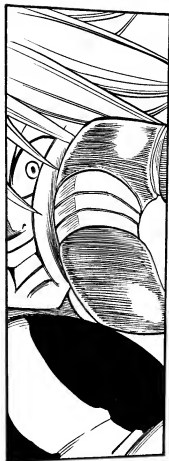




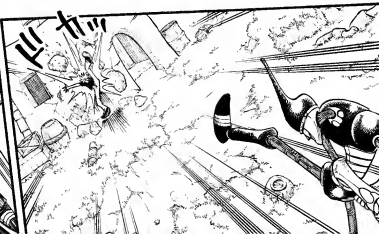


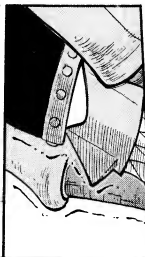
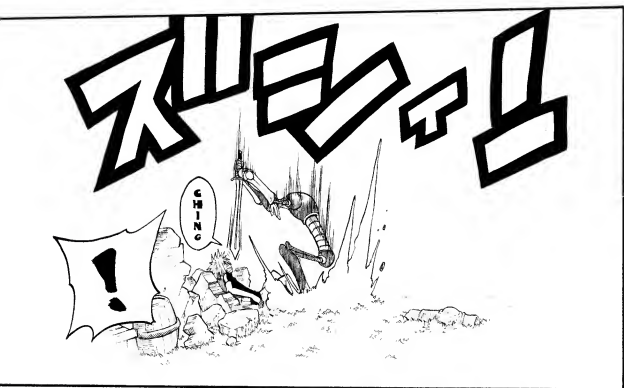
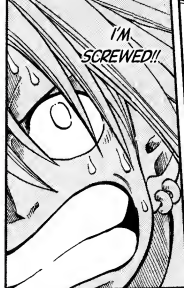


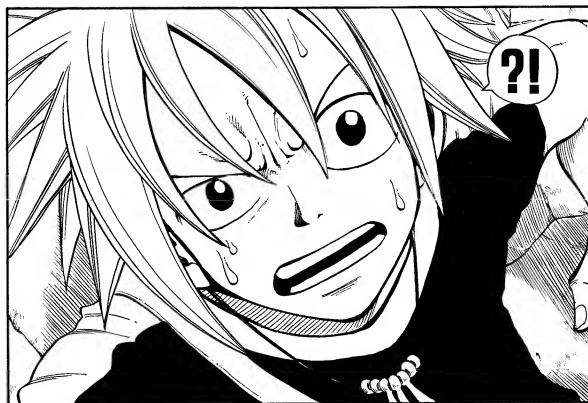
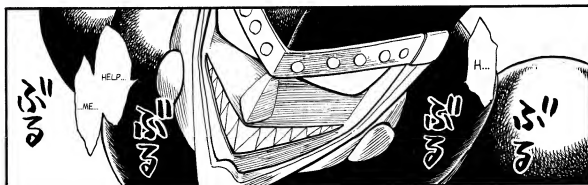
HE'S
JUST AS
FAST,
TOO!!



CRUD!!







TO BE CONTINUED

Q & A CORNER

Q. The pink-haired girl and the old guy next to her in the color section of Vol. 17, Chap. 130...is that Nagisa and Daddy?

(Akaname and others – Shiga Prefecture)

A. Yup. The faces are a little different, though. Er...I meant for Nagisa to appear a bit sooner than she did, but I hadn't settled on her name (^_^). I was like, "I'll, uh, I'll do it later." Mika-chan and Nagisa were both names I'd considered for her. (^_^)

Q. Was Chapter 190's title, "Now...Live," different back in the magazine?

(Papico – Iwate Prefecture)

A. Yeah. The old title got dumped, see. (^_^) I think I've mentioned this before, but the editor picks those even though I'd like to. Well, that's editors for you. Even so, dumping the old title is embarrassing, isn't it?!

(M) "Sorry, poyo. But don't worry about it, Hiro-kun."

(Hiro) "..."

(M) "A lot of fans pointed it out, though."

(Hiro) "..."

(Hiro & M) "...We'll be careful next time."

Q & A CORNER

Q. Tanchimo has a card that says “eat” in Chapter 178. How many kinds of cards does he have?

(I love Musica! – Ibaraki Prefecture)

A. Uh, lots. He’s shown “auto,” “battle,” and “eat,” but he also has a “sleep” one for nappy-nap time.

Q. Come on, tell us what the Jiggle Butt Gang guy meant by “Evil Level” in Vol. 18!

(Mashy – Okayama Prefecture)

A. The Jiggle Butt Gang was “Aquamarine” at the time. Higher up is “Pink,” and lower is “Military Green.”



Q. Why’d you call the big snake in Vol. 23 Yurlungur?

(Aba – Miyaki Prefecture)

A. It’s the name of a snake in Australian mythology. I couldn’t tell if it was supposed to be a good snake or a bad snake, but then I decided it didn’t matter. (^_^)



"AFTERWORDS"

I GOT A FAN LETTER FROM FRANCE! IT WAS KINDA SHOCKING. I MEAN, I KNOW RAVE MASTER IS SOLD OVERSEAS, BUT I DIDN'T THINK I'D GET FAN LETTERS FROM FRANCE. IT LOOKS LIKE PEOPLE FROM ALL SORTS OF COUNTRIES READ RAVE MASTER.

I HAVE A FOREIGN RAVE MASTER EDITION ON HAND HERE, FROM KOREA. THE TITLE'S RAVEが発売. HOW DO YOU READ THAT? HEY, THEY EVEN CHANGED THE KOREAN EDITION'S SFX TO HANGUL! YEAH!

NEXT IS THE TAIWAN EDITION. THE TITLE'S ^{かいがいばん}海外版RAVE...I CAN'T READ THAT, EITHER. ALL KANJI: PLUE'S "PUUN" → ^{かんこくばん}"韓国版RAVE"; RUBY'S "POYO" → ^{かんこくばん}"韓国版RAVE"...?! HEY, WAIT A DARN MINUTE! DON'T USE KANJI FOR PUUN AND POYO! IF IT'S TRANSLATED BACK INTO JAPANESE, IT MIGHT END UP "PONG" AND "PUTO" OR SOMETHING! ...I ACTUALLY WANNA KNOW NOW.

BY THE WAY, MANGA-KA ARE CALLED "SENSEI" A LOT, RIGHT? IT'D BE "ROUSHI" NOW. (^_^) THAT'D SOUND FUNNY TO JAPANESE PEOPLE.

(EDITOR) "MASHIMA-ROUSHI! IS THAT VOLUME DONE YET?!"

(HIRO) "UM...ALMOST." (KA-BOOM)

BY THE WAY, THE AMERICAN EDITION'S TITLE IS "RAVE MASTER" AND COMES WITH A SUMMARY OF EARLIER EVENTS AND A CHARACTER CHART WITH EACH VOLUME--WHICH IS A VERY NICE TOUCH. IF YOU HEAD OVERSEAS, CHECK IT OUT!

SO, TO READERS ALL OVER THE WORLD-SEE YOU NEXT VOLUME!

HIRO MASHIMA